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Hogg learnt of calves risk on July 19

# Europe ready to scrap beef export deal

JOHN MAJOR'S hopes of lifting most of the ban on British beef exports by November were in tatters last night after Germany and Brussels virtually tore up the deal that ended the beef war with Europe.
After the revelation that

"mad cow" disease can be passed from mother to calf, the German Agriculture Minister called for a return to the total ban on British beef and its by-products while Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, called for a rethink of the framework drawn up in Florence six

weeks ago.
As the crisis deepened Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, came under pressure over charges that he deliberately withheld from Parliament interim information which he had given to Herr Fischler, suggesting evidence of maternal transmission of BSE.

In a Commons debate on July 24, Mr Hogg made no mention of the study by Government scientists on cow to calf transmission which had been put before the Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee

five days earlier, on July 19. Mr Hogg had been aware of the interim findings and, according to Herr Fischler's spokesman yesterday, had communicated them to him

three weeks ago.

But Agriculture Ministry officials said Mr Hogg could not have been expected to inform the Commons of the findings until the specialist committee had reported to him, which it did earlier this

Herr Fischler said in a letter to Mr Hogg, released yesterday, that he understood it was the new information about maternal transmission that had led him to postpone last month the implementation of the programme for the selective slaughter of 147,000 cattle. But officials said Herr Fischler was mistaken. They



Hogg: no mention of calves study to MPs

pointed to Mr Hogg's explanation in the Commons debate that there was already a big backlog in the related scheme for the slaughter of up to one inillion cows aged 30 months and over.

Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat agriculture spokes-man, accused Mr Hogg of a deliberate failure to inform Parliament of the latest BSE scientific evidence", and said that if MPs had known last week that the whole programme was back in the melting pot he would have had a much rougher ride.

· Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, said: "It has now been revealed that Douglas Hogg told Herr Fischler about the latest evidence on BSE being passed from cow to calf three weeks ago. But he didn't tell the House of Commons, even though he had every opportunity to do so. The Tories claim they stick up for Britain in Europe and stick up for the rights of the British Parliament. Douglas Hogg hasn't done that. Quite the reverse.

He stuck two fingers up to the House of Commons." Senior MPs said that if the Commons were still sitting, Mr Hogg would have been in serious trouble yesterday over the disclosure that he had not

There was also doubt over Mr Hogg's assertion that only last-born calves were at risk from the transmission of the disease from infected mothers.

Derek Ammon, herdsman at Park Farm, Limpsfield, Surrey, gave The Times details of three cases in which the first-born calf of mothers which had died from the disease had also perished. In one case the mother and calf died on the same day.

"This evidence disputes everything they were saying yesterday. Herdsmen on other farms have told me the same thing has happpened there. Once again we are being given bogus information," he said.

Euro-sceptic Tory MPs reacted with anger after Jochen Borchert, the German Agriculture Minister, called for a total embargo on British beef; with the EU reconsidering its decision to relax the ban on exports of semen, gelatine and

Some MPs called for the EL non-cooperation tactic to be revived, although ministers are likely to reject the idea as counter-productive.

After the Florence summit, Mr Major said he hoped most of the ban would be over by November. But Mr Hogg's decision to delay putting the selective cull orders to the Commons means that there cannot be parliamentary authority for it until October at the earliest. Mr Tyler predicted yesterday that Mr Hogg would lose the vote and his position would become unte-

The biggest blow was the letter from Herr Fischler to Mr Hogg, suggesting that a review of the framework deal would be required now that the new route of BSE infection had been discovered. He asked two EU scientific committees to look into whether the selective slaughter of up to 147,000 cattle from previously infected herds planned for this autumn should be extended to calves. Their recommenda-Continued on page 2, col 3

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# Carl Lewis in the backroom stakes

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN ATLANTA

AMERICA'S star athlete Carl Lewis will probably have a chance today to become the most gilded Olympian of all time - but only after a rum chapter of committee-room manoeuvres and commercial muscle-flexing.

While the British runners were dropping the baton yesterday in the heats, the suave Lewis appeared to have smoothed his way onto the American 4 x 100 metres relay team, despite the fact that he neither qualified for the event in Olympic trials nor trained with the team. His desire to join the race, and run in today's final, is stronger than a boyish desire to run at school sports day. There is money at stake. Victory would make

him the most marketable sportsman in the world. After his win in the Olympic Bardot on cows. Magazine | longjump this week, one more

gold medal would take Lewis past the hauls of Mark Spitz, the US swimmer, Larisa Latynina, the Soviet gymnast, and Paavo Nurmi, the Finnish long-distance runner, Lewis could then justifiably call himself the greatest athlete of all time and charge sponsors



accordingly.Herv Hunt, who coaches the US athletes, said that Lewis would receive "strong consideration" for the

Soon after Lewis won the longjump he let it be known that he would like to run in the relay, despite the fact that denied "lobbying" for the slot

but the signals were clear. Suddenly, Leroy Burrell, a member of the relay team, discovered that he had a sore ankle which would prevent him running. He produced a medical certificate to prove that he had Achilles tendinitis. standing friend of Lewis but is also signed up with an endorsement deal to the same gym shoe company, Nike. Burrell's place should have

been taken by the team's reserve runner, Tim Mont-gomerie, but with NBC Television agitating for a weekend climax to its Olympic cover-

average Civil Service levels.

and cost the taxpayer £5 mil-

lion. The Registry blamed the

poor rates of absenteeism on

its relatively high number of female and junior staff, who

reportedly tend to take more time off sick. But the MPs said

they found it "disturbing" that

a number of staff with poor

health records during probationary periods were kept on. In a number of cases where despite having finished last in

Olympic trials. He claimed that he was helpless before the demands of his public. There had been "millions" of people calling him, urging him to run.

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Tackiest Games, page 13 Simon Barnes, page 20 Syria, Lebanon, Jo Reports, pages 43, 45, 46, 48 and Saudi Arabia.

# **US finds** terrorist training camps in Iran

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IRAN operates a network of 11 training camps for foreign terrorists, according to classi-fied US intelligence documents published yesterday.

American officials believe the terrorists who bombed US military targets in Saudi Arain June were trained in these camps. The FBI was said to be investigating whether terrorists with Iranian backing were responsible for the explosion that brought down TWA Flight 800 with the loss of 230

lives two weeks ago. The documents show how Iran's network of state-sponsored terrorism has grown more sophisticated in the past year. According to them, the White House believes that two Saudi dissident groups linked to the recent bombings - the Organisation of Islamic Revolution and the Hezbollah of Hejaz — were trained at the Imam Ali camp in the suburbs of east Tehran, the largest of the 11 sites.

All the camps are designed to look like villages and feature houses, shops and mosques, but they are out of bounds to the public. The camps' existence was uncovered through satellite photos. radio and telephone wiretaps and visual confirmation by

agents on the ground. The trail of violence was said to lead directly to President Rafsanjani, with all acts of terrorism being approved by Iran's Supreme Council, of which he is the head. Iran denies it has training camps.

A recent conference in Tehran on terrorism is believed to

have drawn groups and potential recruits from Libya, Algeria, Sudan, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza

#### Middle East talks held in Ascot

The Israeli Prime Minister has had secret talks with King Husain of Jordan about a total Middle East peace. They met in Ascot, outside London, last weekend, where the King was convalescing after an operation. Binyamin operation. Binyamin Netanyahu had spoken earlier to John Major ..... Page 12

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# King Rat's rogue terror unit disbanded by the UVF

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

yesterday disbanded a rogue unit which has persistently call .... ur an end to the loyalist

In a statement issued by ten armed, masked men, the leadership of the loyalist terrorist group announced that the unit from Portadown, County Armagh, had been stood down after an internal inquiry.

The unit, part of the UVF's

mid-Ulster Brigade, is headed

by a terrorist known as King Rat. He is widely believed to have sanctioned the murder of Michael McGoldrick, a Roman Catholic taxi driver, during the disturbances last month and he played a leading role in stoking up trouble during the standoff at Drumeree. King Rat was also widely blamed for a hoax bomb attack at Dublin airport in the spring.

THE Ulster Volunteer Force yesterday disbanded a rogue gation into a Portadown unit ... a decision has been taken by the Command Staff of the UVF to disband this unit as from 2nd August 1996. There will be on-going investigations by the internal affairs section of the UVF into the activities of this particular unit".



The dramatic move by the UVF leadership came after months of pressure from King Rat for a resumption of the terror campaign. The final straw came on Sunday when the Portadown unit launched an attack on the UVF leadership and on David Ervine, the main spokesman for the Progressive Unionist party, which

is the UVF's political wing. The UVF took its time to crack down on the rogue unit because King Rat has a devoted following in Portadown and the UVF will be acutely conscious of the dangers posed to itself and to its ceasefire by this latest move. However, the UVF is a ruthless organisation and it will have covered its tracks before acting. The announcement yester

day will be greeted with relief in ministerial circles on both sides of the Irish border. There had been fears that the loyalist ceasefire was close to collapse.

# Civil servants' sick leave costs £419m

By A STAFF REPORTER

HIGH rates of sick leave off, but this was still above among civil servants are costing the taxpayer £419 million a year, MPs said yesterday.

Workers in the public sector took an average of nine days off ill each in 1994, according to a report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee That was three days more than their counterparts in private firms but British business lost £10 billion through sickness in the same year.

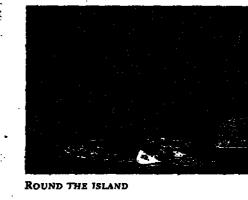
The report highlighted the Land Registry, where staff took 2½ weeks off sick a year at their worst point, more than any other large Government department or agency. The Registry admits it allowed an increasingly serious problem "to get away from them" between 1988 and 1991, when absences shot up from 8.5 days to 13.2, and their performance suffered a "marked decline" relative to other departments.

staff were off work for a long time because of sickness, they were not interviewed at the appropriate time and written warnings were not always given when they should have been. But the MPs said they appreciated it could be difficult to distinguish between cases of "genuine sickness and malingering.

The Registry has now taken

measures to tighten up, with sickness absence targets, a ban on smoking and a health By 1994, the average rate of absence had fallen to 10.6 days screening programme.

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Conservative hopefuls

The Government's compromise on the single currency is under threat from new Conservative candidates standing at

the general election, a survey for BBC2's Newsnight

programme revealed last night. Two thirds said they could

declare their opposition to a single currency in their election address. This contradicts the manifesto, which is

expected to say that the Government is leaving its options

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# Labour launches battle of beaches 'to nail Tory lies'

POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR leaders armed themselves with posters, balloons, frisbees and sticks of rock yesterday to go into battle against what they called the Tory lie machine". They pledged to fight the Conservatives on the beaches from Blackpool to Benidorm.

At the same time they denied they were sinking into the gutter with their foes and pledged to do nothing to disrupt the holidays of those who had left Britain to escape the political maelstrom.

In a foretaste of what may turn out to be the dirtiest of elections, Labour launched its Same Old Tories, Same Old Lies" campaign to rebut the claims made about Tony Blair's policies in the Conser-"New Labour..." New Danger" offensive.

Dozens of expatriate Labour supporters in Europe's most popular sunspots will take up the cudgels, using party issue posters, balloons and rock. The aim is to nail what Labour says are Tory lies about its policies on tax, jobs, the unions, higher mortgages, law and order, constitutional reform and Europe.

A senior official promised that the campaigners would not force themselves on people who did not want to know them. It would be an "effective but unobtrusive" campaign. However, helpers in such farflung outposts of the party as the Alicante North and Alican-

Ibiza and Majorca would be out in force.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, threatened yesterday to "expose, challenge and rebut" every lie uttered by every Tory politician. It was not, he said, descending into the gutter. "If someone comes up with a Tory lie, we have to answer them. We have to answer those arguments. But we do ask people to look beyond the gutter and then join us in the positive

The Tories suggested that Labour was in danger of turning off voters in a big way. A strategist said: "We think Labour will find this is the case with their Blackpool to Benidorm campaign. The

the message of New Labour could be highly favourable to

us over the summer."

Charles Hendry, the party vice-chairman, said: "People go to Spain for sun, sea and

ther Mr Prescott nor activists would be "patrolling" the beaches. "But we do have members and supporters overseas, and they will be taking the Labour message to those who want to receive it. which is that when you hear the Tories pouring out this propaganda, people must re-alise that it is the same old Tories with the same old lies, and they must reject them."

The BBC's political research unit interviewed 60 of the 79 Sangria, not Socialism." new candidates standing in seats where there is a sitting Conservative MP. John Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign chief, said that nei-

Chancellor. favour a compromise under which the Government would not rule out membership of a single currency, but would promise a referendum in the event of a decision by the Cabinet to go in.

### Drug smugglers jailed

Four men who smuggled heroin worth millions of pounds from Turkey were jailed yesterday. The three Turkish Kurds and a Czech coach driver were caught by Customs officers with 198's kg of the drug. At Southwark Crown Court, the senior figure. Muslim Simsek, was jailed for 30 years. Huseyin Kaynak for 24 years, and Tomas Noz, the coach driver, 26 years. They all denied the charges. Ali Aksu was jailed for 20 years after pleading guilty.

### Record number in jail

The prison population in England and Wales rose to a record 56,238 this week. Richard Tilt, the Director-General of the Prison Service, said yesterday that the service faced an increased number of offenders being sentenced to prison and the extra prisoners had been accommodated within existing jails without using police cells. The latest figure is the first time that the prison population has risen above 56,000. A year ago the total stood at 51.549.

### Eton drug dealer jailed

An Old Etonian who admitted dealing in cannabis and amphetamine after being caught by pupils at the school, was sent to a young offenders' institution for six months by Reading Crown Court yesterday. Thomas Seidler. 19, was caught by other schoolboys who gave chase after he was spotted by a housemaster in the grounds of Eton College. At the time, Seidler was studying at Warwick University where further quantities of the drugs were found.

### Irish airports get £120m

The Irish Government will invest £120 million in Dublin and Shannon airports to cater for a big growth in travellers. The Transport Minister said yesterday that most of the money would be spent expanding Dublin airport, which recorded a million passengers for the first time in a single month in July. Over the next five years, the size of Dublin airport will grow by 60 per cent and a new passenger handling pier is to be built.

### Sex change for priest

A monk has left his order so that he can change sex. Although "laicised" by the Pope, the former Dominican remains technically a priest. This has led to speculation that Sally, as he is now known, may be the first woman priest in the English Catholic Church. A spokesman said that under church and secular law the priest remained the sex he was at birth. The one other Catholic priest known to have had a sex change was in Italy.

#### Oasis album sells 3m

sis celebrated breaking the three million sales barrier with their current album just in time for the first of their sell-out summer concerts in Loch Lomond tonight, Singer Liam Gallagher, newly engaged to actress girlfriend Patsy Kensit. now has three reasons to celebrate. (What's The Story) Morning Glory? has sold three million copies in Britain, making it ten times platinum and one of Britain's top selling albums ever.

### £6,500 for losing smile

A five-year-old girl who was "deprived of her smile" after a dentist failed to diagnose a tooth disease, was awarded E6.500 yesterday. Amy Taylor had suffered years of distress, Manchester County Court was told. The disease developed unchecked, rotting her baby teeth to blackened stumps, damaging them so badly that cosmetic surgery was impossible. Her mother. Marie Gerrard, agreed the "without prejudice" settlement with dentist Andrew Holland.

# From rails to riches, new millionaires await windfall

By Joanna Bale and Jonathan Prynn

A DINGY two-storey office finance director who will reblock in Derby now houses one of the richest collections of employees in Britain. Six directors of the rail-leasing company Porterbrook were yesterday eagerly anticipating their windfalls from its controversial £825 million sale to Stagecoach.

Some 50 secretaries, clerks and administrative staff who bought stakes when the compnay was sold to them by the Government seven months ago will get £500,000 each. Derby's estate agents and luxury car dealers said yesterday that they were bracing themselves for a rush of newly rich customers, but few employees were willing to admit to plans for wild spend-

While Sandy Anderson, Porterbrook's managing director, is no stranger to such riches, five men with humdrum management jobs will become multimillionaires if the Office of Fair Trading approves the deal.

Carolyn Cork, the wife of a

ceive about £18 million with his 3.88 per cent share of the company he joined two years ago, said he would continue to work, She lives with her 43year-old husband, who earns about £80.000, in a rented house on a busy main road in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Mrs Cork, 43, said: "We

don't know exactly how much we're going to get yet but I suppose it is a bit like winning the lottery. We're not going to go mad - I don't think it will change the way we live - but we haven't even been on holiday yet this year so that might change. We have a daughter at

university and a son at boarding school, but we're not really well off. Ray's got enough money to retire on now but he's not going to give up work.
I won't let him.

"This is just one of those things which comes along. Ray's done nothing wrong and he's always worked hard for

Mr Cork's fellow multimil-



Sandy Anderson, whose sell-off of Porterbrook is not the first company deal to make him rich

lionaires include Tim Gilbert, 38, Porterbrook's engineering director, who will receive EII.78 million. He is a former British Rail engineer who has spent all his career in the rail industry on a modest salary.

Ian Cairns, 43, a commercial director, left the company last month after a disagree ment with Mr Anderson but will retain his profits of

several million pounds. Peter Watson, 52, the chairman, has a I per cent stake valued at £4.75 million. Also due to receive several million is Geoffrey Arbuthnott, a director of Charterhouse Development Capital, the merchant bank that provided £60

for the management buy-out. Mr Anderson, 41, who will net the lion's share - £34 million - said there would be "no Ferraris" and that he had no plans for a holiday. "I am proud of being a Scot and the money will probably go back to Scotland," he said.

million of financial backing

Mr Anderson, who earns £157,000 a year, has a knack for making fortunes. Already a wealthy man when the Porterbrook deal was signed last month, he was rich enough to buy a 70-acre stud farm in Nottinghamshire in his late 30s after an earlier out of a truck hire firm.

# Europe ready to scrap beef deal

Continued from page 1 tions will be considered by the EU Standing Veterinary Committee around the start of September, when new de-

mands will be drawn up. Britain was due to begin implementing the selective slaughter programme on August I. so that all animals which had developed BSE could be traced to their farm of origin, enabling the entire cohort to be identified and destroyed.

That programme has now been put on hold until veterinary experts in London and Brussels decide whether it will now be necessary to slaughter all of the offspring of infected cows as well, and for the eventual vote in the Commons. Veterinary experts are expected to concentrate their attention on how the disease is transmitted from mother to

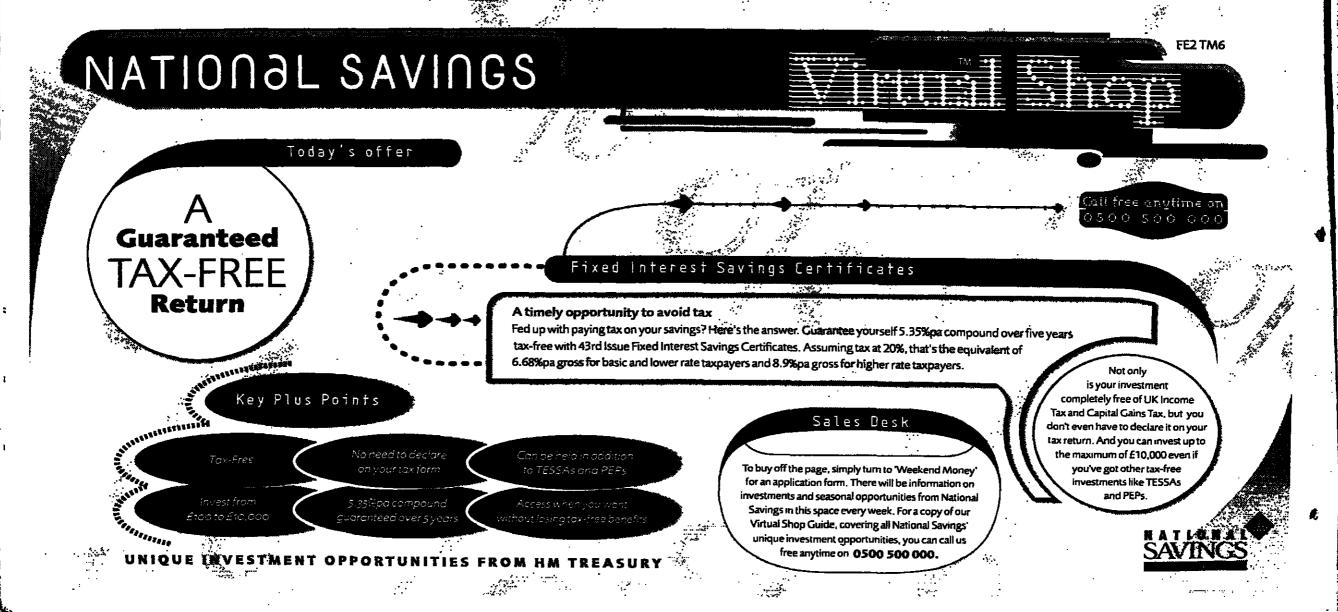
Herr Fischler said that while he understood the Gov-

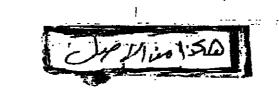
ernment's reasons for postponing the selective cull, the decision would "have the effect of postponing further the reduction in the incidents of BSE which is a cornerstone in our policies." He added: "In any case, it will be necessary to consider the need for expanding the selective slaughter programme." Moreover, "we will need to consider what other implications this information may have from the step by step approach ifor

lifting the han) which was approved in Florence." Sterling fell yesterday because of the developments. Sterling

Concern among foreign ex-change dealers that the ban on British beef may be prolonged sent the pound's trade-weighted index down 0.6 to close at 84.1. with falls against the US dollar and German mark.

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'She is in a lot of pain and very upset, but she's a born fighter and we're proud of her'

# Gladiators contestant paralysed in 20ft fall

A WOMAN was lying para-lysed in hospital last night after a terrifying fall during series Gladiators. The contestant suffered serious spinal injuries while rehearsing for

the combat game.
Nicki Claston, 22, a university student, fell 20ft from climbing apparatus. She was one of eight female hopefuls selected from 22,000 appli-cants for the contest, broad-cast by London Weekend

Miss Claxton was flown to the spinal injuries unit at Sheffield Northern General Hospital after the accident at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Last night she was said to be suffering from partial paralysis, but doctors said there appeared to be no damage to the spinal cord and hoped she would recover.

A spokeswoman for LWT said: "Nicki was not competing against a Gladiator but was going through the motions on the Poleaxe apparatus, followed by a camera. She was dismounting and fell in an awkward way. Although she fell on to an air cushion, it was instantly realised she had hurt her back."

Miss Claxton, from Shef-field, has just completed the third year of a four-year business studies course at the city's Hallam University. Speaking from her hospital



Nikki Diamond, left, alias Scorpio, and Sharron Davies, who was dubbed Amazon, quit the show

bed Miss Claxton, who has been visited by her mother, father and boyfriend, paid tribute to St John Ambulance volunteers and TV crew members. She said: "I'm very grateful for the support and help they gave me. I really appreciate what they did."

Her mother, Patricia, said: "She is in a lot of pain and very upset. She has partial paraly-sis, but we are hoping she will be all right. Nicki had been looking forward so much to taking part in the programme and she is bitterly disappointed, but we are all proud of her. She is a born fighter and will be determined to get back to

peak fitness." Miss Claxton lifts weights with her boy-friend Phil Burditt, 24, a business studies student, and she cycles and runs each day. She had stepped up her training and passed stringent auditions before the three weeks of rehearsals and filming.

said that she would spend will carry out a scan when swelling subsides to determine whether surgery is needed on two crushed vertebrae.

A spokesman at the hospital several weeks there. Doctors

The show has taken its toll on many of the Gladiators themselves. Jet, a former Olympic gymnast, was take to

hospital earlier this year after plunging 30ft during the pyramid game and injuring her neck

The 26-year-old, real name Diana Youdale, was forced to pull out of the new series last month, unable to compete in the gruelling training plan because of her injuries. She once dislocated the cartilage in her nose when her knee bounced up and hit her in the face after falling from the Poleaxe, the same sturit as Miss Claxton's accident. Amazon, the former Olym-

pic swimmer Sharron Davies, iore a knee ligament after a contestant landed awkwardly on her leg after they fell down the Pyramid. Helen Madderson, a former Miss Universe better known as Panther, suffered a bruised head and spine after being knocked 14ft off a moving platform by a contestant and landing flat on her face two years ago. Ex-Gladiator Scorpio, rea

name Nikki Diamond, said after quitting last year: "We're all carrying injuries that we'll have for the rest of our lives. Contestants have also suffered broken thumbs, bruised elbows and pulled muscles. A spokesman for LWT said: We are fully aware of the dangers involved in this show and that's why we have a full medical team standing by. This is certainly the most serious accident on the show

has had in its five years.



Nicki Claxton worked out every day to achieve her Gladiators ambition

### Remand for Kray in drugs case

By Stewart Tendler

CHARLES KRAY, elder brother of the twins Reggie and Ronnie, was remanded in custody yesterday accused of tak-

ing part in an alleged £78 mill-ion cocaine trafficking ring. Mr Kray, 70, is accused of conspiracy to supply two kilos of cocaine worth £62,000, conspiracy to supply 520 kilos of the drug and conspiracy to supply a thousand Ecstasy tablets worth £20,000.

Two other men also appeared with Mr Kray yesterday at Redbridge Magistrates'
Court, east London. Ronald
Field, 49, a builder from
Raynes Park, southwest London, also faces three similar charges. Robert Gold, 38, a builder from Wimbledon. faces two charges involving the cocaine. No application for bail was made and the three were remanded in custody until August 8.

The men were originally remanded for a month, but court officials had to stage a second brief hearing after they decided that the magistrates had power to remand defendants for only eight days on a first appearance.

The court was packed for the appearance of Mr Kray and the other defendants. Mr Kray was dressed in a charcoal-grey double-breasted suit, white shirt and a gleaming handkerchief in his breast pocket. As he stood in the dock he blew kisses to his girlfriend Judie Stirling, 45, in the

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### Schoolboy arrested for theft in **Singapore**

A PUBLIC schoolboy is facing a possible jail sentence in Singapore after "high jinks" on a school rugby trip.
David Raven, 18, was

arrested after being accused of stealing a handbag following where he was at a party with friends during the three-week Far East rugby tour. Police-said he was charged on July 13 with stealing the handbag and released on £2,300 bail. He is due in court on September 11

and no plea was taken.

The teenager, bailed after two nights in a Singapore jail. was described as a model student by his headmaster at the £3,900-a-year Arnold School in Blackpool, Lancashire. Bill Gillen, who flew out to meet the rest of the 30strong party on the Australian leg of their tour, said: "David

is an exemplary pupil and we have every confidence that the matter will be cleared up." Mr Gillen said that the youth, who is facing a maximum three years in jail, was with his father at a Singapore hotel but was not allowed to leave the country. John Raven, of St Annes, Blackpool, who flew out to offer support, said his son's arrest was a case of

mistaken identity.
The Foreign Office said that the incident was a prank: "It appears to have been high jinks rather than a pre-medi-

# 1920s memories put missing path back on the map

A PENSIONER has won a 25year battle for official recognition of a lost footpath after a saga involving a stream of letters, buildozers and gamekeepers with guns.

Signposis were erected last on the edge of St Leonard's Forest, Sussex. Peggy Gledhill, 77, first walked the path in 1928. During holidays with relations in nearby Horsham, she would be taken by her uncle to see wild deer.

She and her husband moved to Horsham in 1947 and used the path until 1970, when buildozers cleared part of the area and the path was

deemed private property.

Mrs Gledhill then began the battle to have her childhood walk put on the map. In 1979 the campaign appeared have been defeated when gun-wielding gamekeepers forced her off the path and broke all the stiles along it.

The setback only made her more determined. "It is a wonderful area with a stream, masses of wildlife, rabbits, foxes and fish in a pond," she

Mrs Gledhill, now a widow. said the problem began in the 1970s when the land was bought by the water board and access to the materials. and access to the pathway was denied. She was helped in her fight by knowledge that she gained while working as a cartographer for the Land

Registry 50 years ago. "I knew that to confirm it was a footpath it had to be on the Definitive Map," she said. "I went to the library and to my horror I found it was not on the map. But if you can prove and it is accepted by the public as a right of way then it can get put on the map.

"I really started to battle hard from 1989 onwards when I retired from the Red Cross and had a lot more time on my hands. If I think something is right I will fight to the death

Mrs Gledhill sent many letters to the council asking them to recognise the path, including a letter signed by 18 people who said they had uninterrupted use of it as a public right of way for 28 years. She also arranged for a letter from a former landowner who had allowed the path to be used. But the council lost

the letter 15 years ago. The rediscovery of the lost letter proved crucial and last year the rights of way subcommittee of West Sussex County Council agreed that the foot-path should be brought back.

Although a slight detour has been made, Mrs Gledhill finally walked the path again on Tuesday. "It was very emotional. I am delighted," she said. The path will be on the next Ordnance Survey



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# Scorned mistress calls her former lover to ordure

By ADRIAN LEE

A SCORNED mistress took revenge on her former lover by filling his car with stinking horse manure as he went to part-exchange it for a new P-registered model. Jane Jay yesterday described it as the best El she had spent. Charles Flatman, an an-

tiques dealer who incurred Miss Jay's wrath when she saw him with another woman, made the discovery shortly before he was due to trade in his M-registration Ford Mondeo for a new one. The garage deducted £150 from the value of the second-

Miss Jay, 52, left the Victorian cottage home they had once shared in Stowepland, Suffolk, at dead of night. Carrying the two bags and their vile-smelling contents, bought from a roadside stall, she drove the ten miles to Mr Flatman's flat, in Eye. Using the spare set of keys to his car she quietly unlocked it.

Then I just scattered ths it washed ready to trade in. Afterwards I locked it up and



Jane Jay, who filled Charles Flatman's car with horse manure as he traded it in for a new model

drove home. I feli great." She received a call from police next morning but Mr Flatman, a former mayor of Mid Suffolk District Council. decided not to press charges. He said yesterday: "You have to have a sense of humour about these things as he pointed at straw still left on the road.

Miss Jay said she had pondered her best course of

action for days. "He said l

show him that I can enjoy a good joke." She and Mr Flatman, 65, who specialises in antique porcelain, met nine years ago when both were district councillors and he was mayor.

We became lovers and for eight wonderful years Charlie lived with me," said Miss Jay. But the relationship crumbled last year and she began plotting after she saw

other woman so I decided to

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THE SUNDAY TIMES **Investigating** TWA 800



Charles Christopher is an FBI special agent. He has spent his career investigating crimes against other people. Now he is going to hunt down those who have shattered his own life. His wife Janet (above) was an air hostess on

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Electronic tagging

planned in effort to trace BSE cattle

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A NATIONAL computer database of Britain's 11 million cattle is expected to be opened

within three months by the livestock industry as part of the attempt to eradicate "mad cow" disease. Details will be disclosed to the Ministry of Agriculture in a working group's report next week.

The government-funded scheme, costing £5 million, will begin with the electronic tagging of all new-born calves. Farmers will be compelled to register all animals with details of their date and place of birth, sex, breed, dam, health COMPUTER DATABASE

record, and movements, making them traceable at the press of a button.

But it is understood that the huge registration operation. in which cattle will have a computer chip inserted in each ear, will not be finished until the end of next year.

There are fears that it will be difficult to trace the more than 20,000 extra cattle that might now be slaughtered - born to dams that contracted BSE within six months of giving birth. After the disclosure of

## 'No need to change rules on calf-meat

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

THE Meat and Livestock Commission attempted to reassure consumers yesterday after the disclosure by government scientists that cows can pass BSE to their calves (Nigel Hawkes writes).

of the commission, said no change to the regulations on calf-meat consumption was necessary: all but the thymus and intestines of caives up to six months old can be eaten.

neuropathologist, argues that if calves have been infected with BSE in the womb, during birth, or immediately after it, they should be subject to the same regulations as other beef products, with brain and spinal column also excluded from the food chain.

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House of Commons in 1990, but has never been acted on. she says. The Government's Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) this week said that no changes

Mr Maclean says that he Colin Madean, chairman doesn't see any problem. The regulations are designed to exclude from consumption the parts of the animal likely to have the highest concentration of the infective agent. Dr Helen Grant, a Experiments have shown that for the first 18 months after infection, the agent is present only in the intestine.

Experiments by ministry scientists have failed to show any infectivity in cow placenta. Nor has the infective agent has been found in milk or blood. "We agree that there's no need for amendments. Mr Madean said.

their progeny, two European Union scientific committees are examining the evidence of maternal infection. They are expected to recommend the increase in the planned slaughter of 147,000 cattle from previously infected herds.

Without a database to find the 20,000 calves, the oldest of which was born in 1986, the Agriculture Ministry will have to rely on their own records of BSE-infected cows and return to the farms where the lastborn were raised.

Although farmers tag their animals and keep their own records - many on computer - the reliability varies. Difficulties in tracing last-born will be compounded by their lifetime movements, and the records of auctioneers will have to be used.

An industry source admitted: "Some farmers are rather better at keeping records than others. It will be a challenge but not an impossible one."

The database working group, including representatives of the cattle industry. trading standards, retailers and consumers, began considering an electronic tracing system before the European summit in Florence six weeks ago. One of the preconditions agreed for the lifting of the export ban on beef was that Britain introduce an effective scheme to identify animals and record their movements on an official register.

Angela Browning, the junior agriculture minister, announced yesterday that the working party's report would be studied by a team of consultants who would complete their work by the middle of next month.

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SHOWROOMS NATIONWIDE



# Farmers complain of worst days since the Depression

By KATE ALDERSON

As farm prices fall, industry fears it will struggle to find calves born to infected cows

THE value of dairy and beef calves plummeted at Beeston market in Cheshire yesterday. The strain of the latest "madcow" setback was evident on farmers' faces.

Last year, the auctioneers Wright-Manley recorded an average sale price for calves of £133. Yesterday it was down to £86.50. Only 450 were sold. compared with 577 on the same day last year.

Susan Lunt, a dairy farmer on the Cheshire-North Wales border, was relieved to have sold a calf for £178 when last year it would have gone for

Edward Bickerton, an elderly dairy farmer from Cheshire, said he had never known such a bad time since **MARKETS** 

the depression of the 1930s. Business is terrible. Farmers just can't go on any more. We're all so worried about the future.`

David Tomlinson, a calf rearer, bought between 20 and 30 calves for almost half the price he would have paid last year. Every livestock farmer is losing at the moment. I'm confident things will get better, but in the short term it's very, very depressing. Just when we were getting back on our feet, we were delivered another blow."

Other farmers were less philosophical; angry and frustrated by the shrinking of the export market and the uncertainty over whether their busi-

nesses would recover. Brian Coleclough, from Holywell. North Wales, said: going to lose about £150 on each cow I sell, and as far as I'm concerned they should shoot the scientists, not call the calves, because no one seems to know what's going on." He said it was a wonder farmers weren't hanging themselves. "People are losing money hand over fist and

At the other side of the auction site a huge newly built cull market half stood empty. John Broomhall. a partner in Wright-Manley. said wistfully: "We used to be the biggest cull market in the UK, dealing in about 600 cows a week. We're down to a

they don't know where to

Pea soup attempts to

rival Sunday joint

turn.

MEAT SUBSTITUTES

beef (Robin Young writes). Lucas Ingredients, a subsid-

iary of the food group Dalgety. has developed a product called Arrum, combining pea protein, precipitated from a slurry of peas, with wheat gluten. When they are mixed and extruded through a heated tube containing two rotating screws, the gluten binds with the pea protein to form fibres

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The flight from meat has increased the British market for vegetarian foods by 83 per cent in the past five years to £388 million. Lucas hopes that products made with Arrum will compete successfully with Zeneca's Quorn mycoprotein. derived from mini-fungi, and with products based on soya **Union flag** burnt by protesting Germans

REACTION

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH

THOUSANDS of angry German farmers, who took to the streets to protest at the European Union's handling of the BSE crisis, yesterday burnt the Union Jack as they shout-

ed "England out of the EU!"
The flag burning took place in Husum, near the Danish border, when the protesters, part of a group of farmers in Schleswig-Holstein and Bavaria, joined forces to support the continuing ban on British beef and other related prod-ucts. But they criticised Brus-sels for mishandling the crisis.

The continuation of the German ban was recently approved by the Bundesrat, the Upper House. Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister, moved yesterday to assure consumers that Germany remained entirely free of BSE.

The demonstration in Husum coincided with a highlevel delegation from the agricultural departments in Bonn and Kiel who hoped to appease the farmers. But the farmers kept them hostage by surrounding their buses for

more than an hour. The president of the Bavarian Farmers Association, Gerd Sonnleitner, told 2,000 farmers in Nürnberg that for vears Brussels had "covered up and lied" about the BSE crisis. The price of milk has been reduced in Germany and farmers were suffering from "a catastrophic drop in the price of beef" which had cost

them billions of marks. In Bavaria, three out of every four farmers have been affected by the BSE crisis. Herr Borchert has asked German health experts to meet Horst Seehofer, the Health Minister, on Monday to discuss the latest developments.

The Südkurier newspaper said in an editorial yesterday that the British politicians needed to learn a lesson and change their attitude. "The problem of the BSE crisis will not resolve itself merely by stopping to give cattle certain foods." said the paper.

☐ The French Government consumers that no additional health precautions were required, as farmers held further demonstrations. The Agriculture Ministry said that its policy of slaughtering entire herds when a single cow is infected with BSE was enough to prevent the disease spread-

ing through the generations. France-Soir described the finding as "extremely worrying"while

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### Workers were aged from 12 to 85

# Farm raid reveals labour force of illegal immigrants

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

IT WAS to be the perfect summer job for Siwarn Kaur. crouched on a crate in a damp shed cutting and wrapping spring onions for market. The 65-year-old widow had already filled one box - 80 bunches for which she would receive £3 — when the sound of a helicopter heralded the end of her working day and the start of Operation

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Drotesting Germans

The raid on Summer Farm. by officers from West Mercia Police and officials from the Immigration Service and the Benefits Agency, was the cul-mination of months of undercover work across the Midlands in which officers watched every move of an Asian "gangmaster" supplying labour to farms run by Simms and Wood Ltd.

At the same time as police raided the farm at Wyre Piddle, Hereford and Worcester, colleagues went to the home of Karnal Singh Samra, the alleged gangmaster, and

seized a quantity of papers. Police and the immigration officials were surprised at the number of casual workers involved in the packing operation. More than 100 Asian men and women were either in sheds or sitting outdoors, trimming, wrapping and packing. Thirty-one were arrested on suspicion of being illegal immigrants or working in breach of entry conditions, while more than 60 others were questioned about alleged benefit fraud.

Among those questioned was Manjit Singh, a priest at a Sikh temple in West Bromwich who had taken along his 13-year-old son as a casual worker. The youngest person questioned was 12 and the oldest 85.

Mrs Kaur said: "I was picked up at 5am this morning outside the temple. I get paid £3 for packing a box and take home about £10 a day." Asked if she found the work hard, she replied: "Work like this does not bother me. We are from farming people in India and are used to squatting in

Most of those detained were disarmingly honest about being in Britain illegally. One elderly man admitted that he came for a funeral seven years ago and had "forgotten to go

home": another that he had come on holiday and stayed. Immigration officials also confirmed the going rate for smuggling individuals from the subcontinent to Britain: £6,000. For £3,000, immigration racketeers will give them three attempts to cruss the Channel from Europe.

Uddam Singh, 64, from Bedworth in the West Midlands, confessed immediately that he had arrived in Britain four months ago after being brought from India hidden in the back of a container lorry. He had borrowed money from relatives to pay the £6.000 fee. "I was one of many. We were dropped in Birmingham and my family picked me up.\*
The authorities concede pri-

vately that many people in rural England suspect that some of the casual labourers are illegal immigrants or involved in benefits fraud. Under existing legislation, little can be done. However next year, with the implementation of the Asylum and Immigration Act, the authorities will be able to prosecute anyone who knowingly employs an illegal



The Bolero strawberry grows until October but has the flavour of June berries

# Gene research bears fruit in a big way

BRITISH horticulturists can already provide strawberries the size of apples and redcurrents with bunches of fruit up to 8in long.
Their next big successes

will include strawberries that fruit in the open until October, apples that will keep six or seven weeks longer and the world's first virtually thornless gooseberry to produce fruits of acceptable size. The shape of things to come in the fruit industry was unveiled in London yesterday at a conference boasting the work of Horticulture Research International (HRI).

"We can now produce strawberries up to 65mm in diameter, weighing about 3oz," David Simpson, head of HRI's strawberry breeding programme, said. That has been done by conventional breeding. With genetic modification it is possible that we will be producing berries so big you need a car to carry them home."

HRI's hopes in the straw-berry fields are pinned on a variety called Bolero which fruits from July until October. yet has the quality found in berries borne in June. Some 20,000 plants are being grown in trials this year and there should be one million plants available to growers this winter for the variety's first commercial crop. Dr Simpson said that Bolero would have a

big impact on imports of lateeason strawberries. HRI also introduced the super-sized redcurrant, a variety called Redpoll. A third development on which British

hopes ride is a purple dessert gooseberry called Pax, whose principal virtue is that its bushes are almost spineless. head of HRI's fruit biotechnology group, said his scientists had managed to create canteloupe melons and tomatoes which could be stored seven weeks longer by deactivating the gene producing ethylene, which speeds ripening. Now we are hoping to transform the Queen Cox apple genetically. The reseach is being funded by the

Ministry of Agriculture, which hopes the results will help the £40 million market for Cox apples fend off the growing threat from imported

However, Professor Chris Payne, chief executive, said that all HRI's innovative research would be at risk unless there was a commitment to long-term funding. HRI has announced 57 redundancies from its 680 staff in the past two weeks because of government funding cuts, and is at present the subject of a government review.

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### **Farmers** protest at release of sea eagles

By Shirley English

A FRESH batch of rare whitetailed sea eagles is being released into the wild in Scotland in the next few days despite growing anger among farmers who claim the birds are killing livestock.

Ten chicks brought over free at a secret location in the west Highlands. Four fledglings were released yesterday and the remaining six will be freed next week.

The move is part of an international conservation project started 20 years ago to re-establish them in Scotland. The birds disappeared from Scotland early this century after being shot as pests.

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Leitch, the area president of the National Farmers Union, predators if he catches them killing livestock.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Scottish Natural Heritage claim that efforts have been made to compensate farmers and divert the sea eagles with carrion. David Minns, of the RSPB in Edinburgh, said: "If any birds were shot it would be very sad. It would take us back to the 19th century and Victorian attitudes about the preservation of game and livestock."

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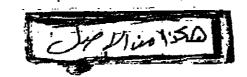
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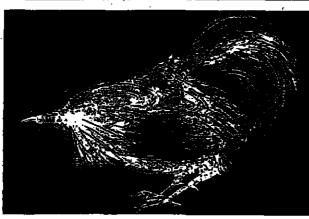


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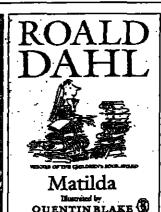












Original works now overseas include, from left, Kenneth Grahame, Tolkien and Brian Wildsmith. The museum hopes to have Quentin Blake's art, first and third from right, and Tom's Midnight Garden

# Museum offers happy ending for children's books

Manuscripts and art from contemporary classics to be saved for nation

a feasibility study.

thors: while Britain has produced

British books.

A MUSEUM devoted to children's literature is being planned much of the greatest children's came from Elizabeth Hammill, to stop manuscripts and illustraliterature, it does not have an tions being taken overseas and to institution working to conserve provide a showcase for the best of contemporary manuscripts or artwork. Manuscripts of Kenneth

The Centre for the Children's Grahame and illustrations by Book would provide an archive E.H. Shepard have gone overand exhibition centre. It would seas. Most of those created by also have a café serving Winnie-the-Pooh's Cottleston Pie and Tolkien and C.S. Lewis are in Illinois. The Victoria and Albert other dishes featured in the pages Museum, however, acquired a of children's books. The initiative is long overdue, according to publishers and au-

Beatrix Potter collection, Canada. Australia and Japan have superlative centres for children's books.

head of the children's department at Waterstone's book shop in Newcastle upon Tyne, who has judged many awards. She was saddened that other nations were "collecting the riches of our literary heritage which we appear not to value enough ourselves to preserve". Her colleague, Kimberley Reynolds, said that some publishers had shredded material

sketches, letters and foreign-language editions. Philip Pullbecause they had not appreciated its historical value. Newcastle is being considered man, winner of this year's Came-

as a site for the museum, and Ms gie Medal for children's literature. is among writers who will donate Hammill has secured support from Northern Arts, the regional manuscripts to the museum. Mary Tapissier, managing di-rector of Hodder children's books, arts board, Newcastle City Coun-cil and Walker Books. On Mon-

said: "Britain has some of the best day, the Arts Council is to award a £27,000 National Lottery grant for children's authors and artists in the world and that has been the The museum, which could cost position for a very long time. up to £10 million, will focus on There is no one place where their postwar writers and artists and work can be gathered for referexhibits will include preliminary ence or to be admired. Macmillans donated Alice in Wonderland original blocks, from which the illustrations were taken, to the

thrill from looking at them. There is so much more wonderful visual material that could be gathered in

She hoped to be able to donate some of Hodder's archives to the museum. "I would rather it was available for public view than sitting in archives. There are some very special things gathering

Among manuscripts and illus-trations the centre hopes to acquire are Tom's Midnight Garden, Philippa Pearce's novel from 1958 with drawings by Susan Eynsek: A Necklace of Raindrops, fairy tales by Joan Aiken and Jan Pienkowski; and Quentin Blake's watercolours for Roald Dahl's The BFG. Dr Reynolds said that BFG "did not sell well until it was illustrated by Blake. It shows how pictures tell the story as powerfully as words." Brian Wildsmith's innovative illustrations for his ABC, which

the museum organisers would

have liked, have been bought by

the Japanese.

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# St Helena study shows benefits of television

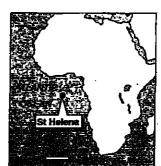
By Adrian Lee

A STUDY of how the recent arrival of television has affected children on one of the world's most remote islands has suggested that it is doing more good than harm. Until early last year the 5,644 inhabitants of St Hele-

na, in the South Atlantic, lived without the small screen. Early findings by researchers from the Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education have confounded those who claim that exposure to violence, sex and bad language on television corrupts children. Evidence of "pro-social" behaviour, defined as helping others and playing

amicably, has increased. leader, said: "Before television arrived on the island, our research found that the children of St Helena were among the best behaved and least disturbed in the world. Fifteen months after television arrived those high rates of prosocial behaviour have not only been maintained but there are tentative indications that they have improved slightly. We blame television for a lot in this country, but perhaps we should be looking more closely at the role of the family."

Islanders can now receive the American satellite channel



CNN and the South African service M-net, which includes soaps and films. There is one soap for children, but no comedy programmes. The BBC's World Service Television is due to arrive shortly.

The study involves 59 preschool children who will be and all 800 children of first and middle school age.

St Helena, a British Crown colony, is the last Englishspeaking society to get tele-vision. Significantly, the researchers believe, most homes have only one set so parents can better control what their children watch.

Dr Charlton said: "Television gives children another reason to link up with their peers — they come to school and talk about what they have seen the night before. I think that can be the only explanation for the improvement."

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the complex of Roman baths from which the modern city takes its name.

# Invaders who left a cultural revolution in their wake

The first of a series that re-examines the course of the Roman occupation of Britain

TODAY The Times begins a series to encourage readers towards the rediscovery of one of the most compelling and mysterious chap-ters of British history. We all think we know a little of the four centuries of Roman occupation, but in truth the sum total of our

knowledge is frustratingly slender. Why such a series now? There is no conveniently rounded anniversary to mark, nor has there been a startling archaeological discovery to stand our previously held per-ception on its head. But there are

see history from the perspective of the present, and in this much-changed world the view of Roman Britain is altering.

When Britain ran an empire we could easily, if not always accurately, grasp how other empires were run. Today, in this postimperial age, the emphasis of scholarly interest has moved from where the legions marched and built their forts towards settlement and the assimilation of the native

photography, and much digging, has shown Roman Britain to have been much more widely peopled than previously thought, and the population estimate has been revised from two million to nearer

four million. We are also diluting the whole notion of conquest. There is a growing view that much of Britain welcomed the invader. Tribal chiefs saw advantage in parleying with Rome, and the moderately bit of central heating and decent plumbing. By the 2nd century AD, the British as a whole were probably more enthusiastic members of the first European Union

than they are of the present one.

A high degree of sophistication and order came early to Roman Britain. It is true that Iron Age Britain at the time of Christ was a place of some civilisation which knew intensive agriculture, money and brisk trade with the Continent.

them wisdom and expertise, particularly in architecture, engineering, military organisation and cuisine. that was not matched again until the modern age.

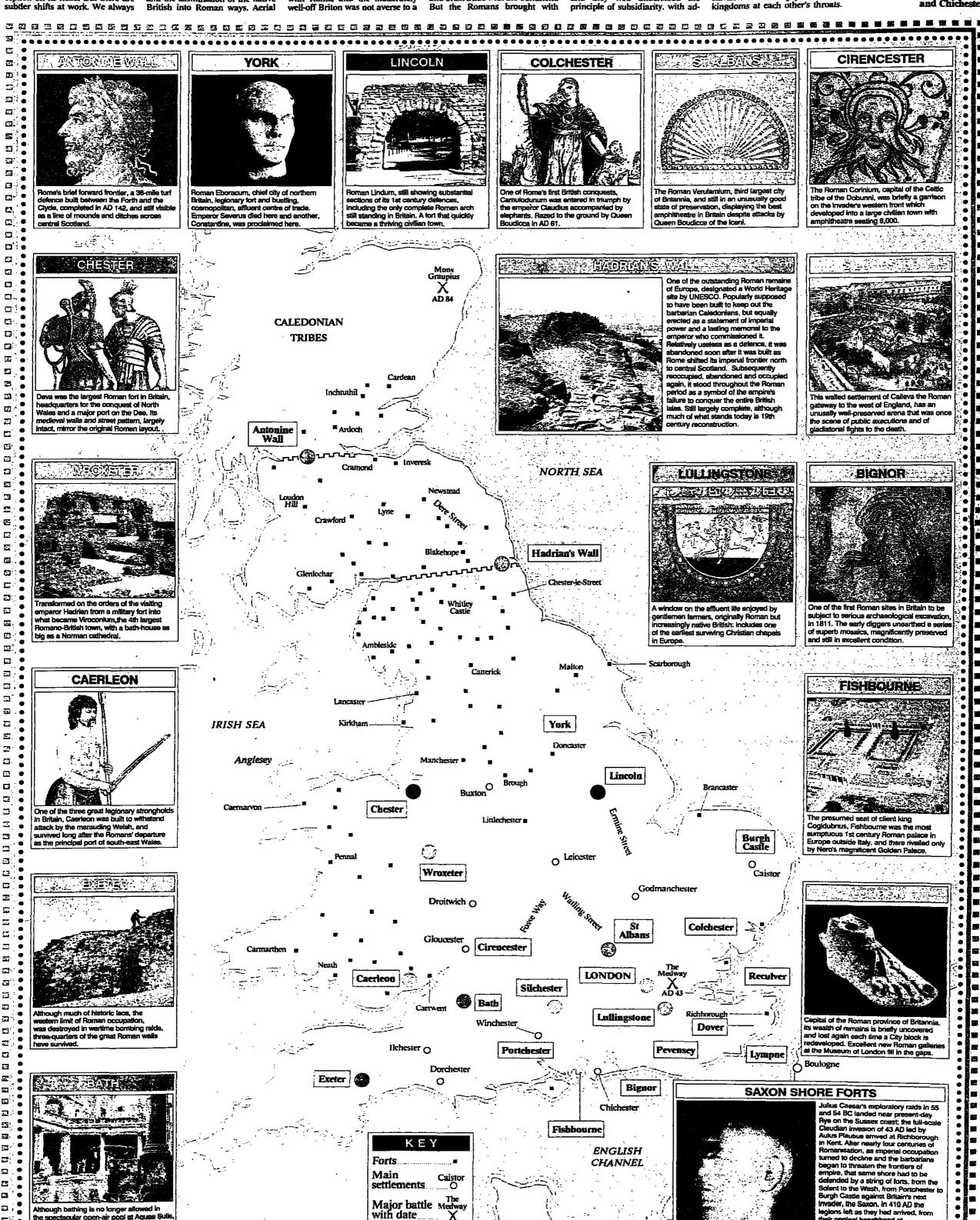
Professor Peter Salway, author of The Oxford Illustrated History of Roman Britain, believes that ancient Rome has lessons for modern Brussels. "In the early days of the empire and of Roman Britain, there was no bureaucracy and they well understood the ministration and tax collection decentralised. In the later empire. a huge civilian bureaucracy grew up which possibly contributed to its collapse: too much burden on the taxpayer, too much tax evasion. too many people beginning to

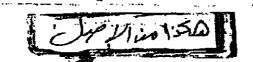
wonder, 'Is it all worth it?' Fourth-century Roman Britain was peaceful and prosperous. By the early 5th century it was descending to the condition of Yugoslavia, a simmering pan of little

We hope to show in the coming days, as we explore the wealth of Romano-British remains and the many increasingly excellent muse um displays, that this is a period of our history that can still intrigue and surprise, and will continue to do so as we unravel its mysteries.

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#### 10 HOME NEWS

Pressure groups dismayed at Hume's public variance from Vatican line

# Catholics divided as cardinal backs embryo disposal

IN A DEBATE that is creating divisions within the Roman Catholic Church in Britain, "pro-life" campaigners have criticised Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, for his comments that frozen embryos should be allowed to die.

Cardinal Hume said that it was not right either to store embryos as frozen or to get rid of them, but legally "you have to dispose of them".

Conservative Catholics said that the cardinal's comments. made this week on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, were a negative input" to the debate and seemed at odds with the line taken by the Vatican. They gave warning of surprise and anger in parts of the Church and said that they would not let the matter rest.

Josephine Quintavelle, of Comment on Reproductive Ethics (Core) and a counsellor with the Life movement, said: "There is a colossal reaction against what the cardinal said. Catholics need to sort out their thinking very carefully and I would suggest they toe the line with Vatican thinking. We do not intend to let the

"The message most Catho-lies looked to hear from the cardinal was that human life begins from conception and is sacred from that moment onwards, and that there should



A five-cell embryo due to have been destroyed

bryos. The message from the unequivocally that, once life has started, every effort should be made to help it to fulfil that destiny."

However, she added: "At

least Cardinal Hume said something, unlike so many other Christian leaders and

Professor Jack Scarisbrick, founder of the Life movement. which has received dozens of calls from couples who wanted to adopt the frozen embryos, said: "The principle that extraordinary means should not be used to keep life going is a sound principle. Whether it applies in this case is a matter of debate, I wish that the Cardinal had given his approval to what we have been offering, namely adoption of these stranded human

A spokesman for the Catho-

lic Church defended the cardinal, who he said was arguing that, if the embryos had to go, it was better that they should be allowed to die rather than actively destroyed.

The frozen embryos debate in Britain has created massive interest worlwide throughout the Catholic Church, which holds that life begins from the moment of conception and any attempt to prevent this artificially, such as through contra-ception, is a sin. One Catholic group, calling itself The Friends of the Child Jesus, is planning walks of "reparation and remembrance for the new holy innocent martyrs" from August 15-17.

According to the Catholic Times, the Pope is "deeply disturbed" by the destruction of the 3,000 frozen embryos and speculation is growing that a strongly critical, authoritative statement might be issued soon.

Cardinal Thomas Winning. the Roman Catholic Archbish op of Glasgow, has led a call for an end to the mass production of frozen embryos. The Pope has also appealed for the production of human embryos to be halted because there is "no morally licit solution regarding the human destiny of the thousands and thousands of frozen embryos which are and remain the subject of essential rights and should therefore be protected by law



as human persons." Cardinal Hume, asked what should happen to the embryos, said: I believe that these frozen embryos are frozen human life

and I believe that they should be disposed of - they should be allowed to die - but then, I think, disposed of in a dignified manner out of respect for the human life that they

Challenged that this view might surprise some people, the cardinal added: "I think it's one thing to actively kill somebody, it's another to let that person die. I mean, what else can you do with them? They are there, and you are

not obliged, it seems to me, to take extraordinary means to keep them alive, and the natural thing for them would be to die." He said the situation represented "an appalling dilemma", but people must not be blind to the fact that

hours too late to save their embryos.

more cases nationwide of people

seeking injunctions to save their

until the issues are decided by a court

in three weeks' time, but most appear

to be continuing, after seeking advice

from the authority.

There are understood to be two

embryos, including one where the sperm was provided by a donor who Höly Land. cannot be fraced. Mr Ross believes all clinics should halt destruction

But because of its unique genre the Transfiguration is too often ignored by individuals and local churches. Having the feast at the height of the holiday season does not help. We should reclaim the Transfiguration Augustine's, Queens Gate.

Credo Transfiguration shows how God changes our lives

Rob Marshall

THE Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrat-ed on Tuesday. The Eastern Orthodox Church, in which the feast dates back to the fourth century, has a much greater grasp than we in the West of the significance and meaning of the Transfiguration.

The episode is a mythical one and unlike anything else in the New Testament. It has an "other worldly" feel about it. The story is dramatic, fast-moving and dense with theological motifs. Jesus ascends a mountain with Peter, James and John. He is transfigured before them. His clothes and face glisten and become intensely white.

Then, in true Old Testa-ment fashion. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus and the voice of God speaks from a cloud: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to

Scholars are divided about the purpose of the Transfiguration in Jesus's life and in Christian theology. Some have interpreted it completely in the context of a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy: others as a prefiguration of

the Second Coming; it has even that the Transfig uration is a mis placed resurrection account. Mount Ta-

bor is the reputed site of the Transfiguration event. Christian pil-grims often find this mountain

and the beautiful Franciscan church there a spiritual highpoint of any visit to the

as one of the main Christian festivals of the year. We hear and see many things in the created order around us which need change. The presence of evil. hurt, misunderstanding and confu-sion is evidence enough of the need for God's transforming and changing Cove

Time to go

For God can and does transform suffering. He is indeed able to change difficult situations into opportunities for faith and witness. One of the great privileges of priesthood is sharing the personal suffering and agonies, as well as the joys and hopes, that people experience in their lives.

We can look forward with joy and in faith to the Resurrection — to salvation — but, like Christ Himself on the mountain, we must deal first with the suffering around us. It is that which we ask God to transform daily in the words of the Lord's Prayer, which recalls the divine glory of the Transfiguration: "for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory". The Transfiguration

speaks to us as disciples of the risen and ascended Lord. He has gone before us into Heaven to intercede for us. When we look to Him in glory we remember His teaching. His example and the events of His life. We vividly reflect path of suffering

change and transform our lives and beings in the same way that He transformed and guided Christ through Calvary and beyond. The Rev Rob Marshall is the author of The Transfig-uration of Jesus (DLT 1995) and priest-in-charge of St

# Childless woman wins reprieve by serving injunction

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

FERTILITY clinics have spared several embryos from destruction after last-minute legal action by patients. One woman obtained an injunction against the Cromwell Hospital in southwest London, where the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, was conceived, with less than five hours before the deadline on Wednesday night. A High Court judge granted a three-week delay to the destruction of the frozen embryo. egg from the woman, who is now in her mid-30s and lives in southeast England, and her husband's sperm. The couple have since become

estranged and the man has yet to complete a consent form authorising the continued storage of their embryo. Clinics have been told by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority that they must have parents to keep the embryos alive. The woman's solicitor, Graham Ross, says that, because the man agreed to the freezing of the embryo before Parliament introduced a legal time limit, he must implicitly have consented to its indefinite storage. The woman telephoned the Cromwell on Wednesday morning, plead-

ing with them to spare her embryo. Dr Kamal Ahuja said: "The lady was very anxious, and understandably so. We couldn't do anything because her consent had to be joint fortnight to destroy all its frozen embryos. ensured that hers was

lawyer sought an injunction.

The woman is healthy but has been trying for many years to have a baby. She has four other embryos stored at the Cromwell, but these are younger

At Bourn Hall fertility clinic in Cambridgeshire, Peter Brinsden, the director, has put one embryo aside after the mother said she was considering taking out a restraining Ahuja, whose clinic expects to take a order. He received a fax yesterday morning from a couple with all the consent forms correctly signed - 24

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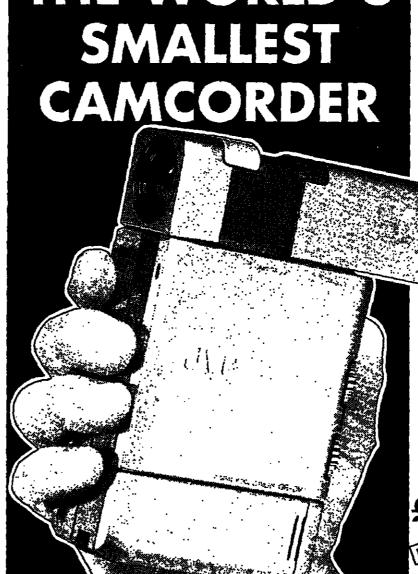
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# Britannia graces Cowes Week for the final time

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE nation's premier sailing regatta opens at Cowes today with the Royal Yacht Britannia lending her regal presence for the 34th and last time.

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Dressed overall and still looking immaculate, despite her 43 years and 1.25 million miles, Britannia will play host in the coming days to the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys Jones, the Princess Royal, Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy. On Wednesday morning she will make her final departure, accompanied by an expected flotilla of 1,000 yachts and small craft, heading for Portsmouth to collect the Queen for her annual Western Isles cruise.

A political head of steam is already building up for a decision on a replacement

proposals have been aired, from a sail training ship to a luxury cruise liner, but no announcement is expected for several months.

In an interview with The Times on board yesterday Commodore Tony Morrow, Britannia's commanding officer, refused to be drawn on the question of a new royal yacht, but he disclosed that the present one would have an unusually busy end to its working life next year. Plans are being drawn up to

send the vessel on an extensive tour of the Far East in a combination of royal visits and trade missions, culminating in an appearance in Hong Kong harbour with the Prince of Wales for the hand-over of the colony to China next July. The Queen will be able to vessel. At least four serious enjoy one final Hebridean

## Russian crew sails into regatta history

into Cowes today aboard one of the most spectacular yachts to appear at the regatta, the 80ft Grand Mistral (Kathryn Knight writes). The new £1.5 million boat, which will compete with four others in the Maxi class, is the first Russian-crewed entry in the

regatta's 170-year history. Sue Fielden, deputy secretary of Cowes Combined Clubs, the regatta organiser, said that the 12-man Russian crew had a reputation as good seamen. The boat they are in will be one of the most impressive in the whole of Cowes Week. We are delighted they have entered. It may have taken 170 years, but we bope it is the first of many

The crew will attend a party at the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which the Duke of Edinburgh is admiral. He will race with King Constantine

cruise next August before the vessel is decommissioned.

Commodore Morrow said that an acceptance by the crew of the ship's fate was tinged with sadness. There is a very strong feeling for Britannia as part of the Cowes scene; it is a continuation of the royal connection and patronage that Cowes has enjoyed for 170

Last year Britannia had family members on board for only 22 days, and spent a further 14 on trade missions. The vessel had been a unique and potent advertisement for Britain, particularly in its trade mission role, Commodore Morrow said. "Important people will not necessarily go to a trade conference in an hotel, but will always come to Britannia. Out of that comes contacts, and even contracts."

Armed Forces Minister, disclosed in the Commons recently that Britannia costs £21,000 a day to run. Her late was sealed by his predecessor Archie Hamilton, who an-nounced that the vessel needed a £17 million refit in Portsmouth dockyard, and that the Government was not prepared to pay for it. The figure has since been challenged by private dockyards who claim they could carry out the work for much less.

Nicholas Soames, the

There will be no redundancies among her 260-strong crew when Britannia is decommissioned. Most will be dispersed to other navy post-

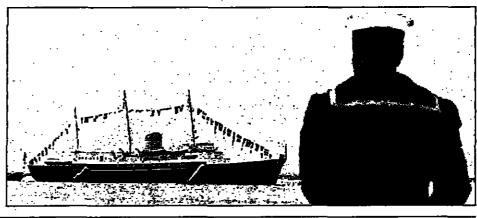


Commodore Morrow on Britannia, riding at anchor in Cowes harbour, below. Photographs: Gill Allen

ings. Others, including Commodare Morrow, will retire with the ship.

For the moment, however, Britannia rides at anchor in Cowes harbour, bestowing an air of distinction on an event that was in danger of losing its glamour until the insurance company Skandia Life offered a £1.5 million sponsorship deal over three years. Next year, with no royal yacht, Cowes will have to work a

little harder for its glamour. Leading article, page 21



### Taxi driver jailed for 'revenge'

The first person to be tried in an English court for "taking revenge" has been jailed for 12 months by Southwark Crown Court. Peter Gay, 38, a taxi driver from Whitechapel. east London, had deliberately tried to run over a journalist who had given evidence against him in another court hearing. Gay, who was also convicted of dangerous driving, was banned for two years and will have to resit his driving test.

#### Commune threat

Guinness has been granted court orders paving the way for the eviction of a commune from 13 acres of derelict land owned by the company in Wandsworth, southwest London. The commune, containing about 40 people, calls itself Pure Genius.

#### Ulster loses out

An international conference on computer security has been switched from Belfast to the Irish Republic after delegates worried about their. safety cancelled their places. The organisers of Computer Security Audit and Control blamed civil unrest.

#### Gang raids pub

Hooded robbers armed with a sawn-off shotgun, handguns and a Samurai sword ordered customers and staff on to the floor of the Brig pub in North Shields, Type and Wear, and stole cash from the till. One man was treated in hospital for cuts.

#### Guerin film plan

The Disney Corporation wants to make a film about Veronica Guerin, the Irish iournalist murdered in June after writing about criminals in Dublin. It has asked her husband, Graham Turley, for co-operation. An American writer is researching the plot.

#### Toyboy' groom

Michael Radeliffe, 29, has married Muriel Wilde, 76, a widowed grandmother and friend of his mother's, after a three-month romance. Mr Radcliffe, an undertaker from Stockport, Greater Manchester, said: "I have always preferred older girls."

# Time to go out on a wing in search of cheaper chicken cuts

LAST August it was easy to find chicken breasts at £2.99 a lb. This year it is more likely to be £3.99, and that only on special offer. Whole chickens were £3.99 for 2.3kg last year. Expect to pay £4.95 or more now. It is worth considering cheaper cuts, such as wings and drumsticks. or alternatives such as fish, Quorn or game. Promotions include:

Asda: Fresh turkey steaks £4.38 a kg, large chicken £1.99 a lb. beef

topside with fat £5.57 a kg. seedless grapes 79p a lb, nectarines/peaches 99p a punnet.

Budgens: Skinless chicken breast fillets £3.99 for 500g, pork and leek sausages 70p for 400g, new English potatoes 9p a lb.

Co-on: Pork ribs in barbecue marinade £1.69 for 425g, roast topside beef £1.39 for 113g, chilli quarter-pounders £1.29 for four. Dewhurst: £1 off any purchase of

£10 or more. Harrods: Artichokes marinated in

balsamic vinegar £2.25 for 100g, pineapple and scallop kebabs £4.49 each, Brie de Nangis cheeses £9.74 a kg, English courgettes 40p lb.

Iceland: Chicken breasts £4.49 for 900g, mushroom and garlic filled chicken £1.49 for two portions, haddock steaks in batter £3.49 for six. broccoli mix £1.19 for 907g, mandarin cheesecake £1.49 for 500g. : Marks & Spencer: Leg knuckle

£4.99 kg, skinless salmon fillets £8.99 for six, cherries £1.99 for 450g. English blackberries £1.49 for 200g, 50p off all premium ice creams. Morrisons: Pork chops £1.89 a lb. topside/silverside £1.99 a lb, fresh tuma loin E4.35 a lb, fresh shark loin £2.75 lb, whole cleaned salmon £1.69 a lb, Galia melons 69p each, salad

Safeway: Pork and beef sausages

onions 29p a bunch.

79p for 454g, crumbed ham 59p 4 lb. chicken breast fillets £4.15 for 595g. Country Farmhouse mature cheddar £1.99 lb, white seedless grapes 99p lb, large mangoes 98p each. Sainsbury's: Beef topside £4.79 a kg,

silverside £6.59 a kg, whole chicken £4.95 for 2.3kg, turkey steaks £4.19 for six, broccoli 49p a lb, courgettes 49p a lb.

Somerfield: Skinless chicken breast fillets £4.45 for 520g, fillet steak E14.95 kg, lumpfish caviar £1.89 for 100g, lean Danish ham £2.29 for 40

slices, cos lettuces 49p each, peas

Tesco: Skinless chicken breast fillets £5.65 for 540g, fresh whole chicken E3.49 for 1.4 kg, sirloin steak £9.89 a kg, lamb loin chops £7.49 a kg, cod fillet £1.95 a lb, rainbow trout £1.87 a lb, broad beans 49p lb, courgettes 49p a lb.

Waitrose: Chicken breasts £3.49 for 530g, Aberdeen Angus ground steaks £2.49 for 500g, mange-tout £1.29 for 250g, marrows 59p each, peaches 99p for eight.

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# Somali warlord leaves behind legacy of chaos

al Muhammad Farrah Aidid. American and United Nations forces into a humiliating re-treat in 1993, reduced his country to chaos and exploited famine for financial gain, has died from bullet wounds after a battle in the south of the capital, Mogadishu.

His spokesman in Washington said he died of a heart attack at his home on Thursday while undergoing surgery for the gunshot wounds after a clan battle the previous weekend. To his Habre Gedir clan. the general, whose name means "man of steel", was a national hero. To his enemies.

he was a monster.

To outsiders he was the epitome of the Somali character: witty, intelligent, unpredictable, charming, ruthless,

brave and treacherous. I first met the Soviet and Italian-trained general in December 1991, a month after fighting broke out between the Habre Gedir clan, in south Mogadishu, and their rivals, the Agbal, in the north. Sitting at his feet in his house, as the city was randomly shelled by both sides, he told me he had iust formed a new government. "What will be the first stage of your economic recov-



Charming but crafty. General Aidid wanted to lead Somalia but was happy to make a fortune from the woes of his people, Sam Kiley writes

the longest beaches in Africa." he replied, as a mortar crashed in the garden.

Aidid always flashed a confident smile. His air of optimism never left him, even when he almost lost control of his band of wild Somali bushfighters who overran Mogadishu in January 1991 and drove Mohamed Siad Barre, the former President, from power. His confidence was not destroyed when civil war broke out between their two factions. nor during the four months in 1993 when commandos of the US Delta Force sought to arrest him.

His driving ambition was to be Somalia's head of state, and since 1991 he thrice declared himself President. But he never had the interests of ordinary Somalis at heart.

During the 1992 famine, he made a fortune from aid through his involvement in protection rackets. I met him then in Baidere on the Juba river in southwest Sudan.

starved to death, and then watched his militia loot supplies for a feeding centre run by the UN Childrens' Fund. Born in central Somalia. With the cries of hungry

children ringing in my ears, I asked him how he could sit back on his velvet cushions as his people died. He ordered a flunkey to bring freshly squeezed watermelon and lemon juice. It is the UN. They are not sending enough food. I want only peace and reconciliation," he said, flashing that smile.

bodies of teenagers who had

More than 350,000 Somalis died in the famine, but for Aidid and other warlords it was a money-spinner. The racket was so obscene that George Bush, then US President, sent 28,000 Marines into Somalia that December, with support from 7,000 UN troops.

General Aidid saw the invasion as another chance for gain. US envoys found themselves having to deal with him, lending him a legitimacy he did not deserve. His main financier, Ali Hassan Osman

murder by a German court, he

Muhammad Farrah Aidid, left, with a rival warlord, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, in Mogadishu in 1992. A civil war has raged in Somalia since 1991 Ato", earned the Habre charmed life; even when his home was flattened in a US air Gedir clan millions of dollars from contracts to build camps raid, he escaped unharmed. I wandered through his In June 1993, his men killed wrecked bedroom. In a cup-28 Pakistani peacekeepers, after they tried to police a board. I found at least a year's supply of toothpaste. I could

not help feeling we would see that awful smile again. In October, his men killed 18 Delta Force soldiers in an

eight-hour battle, and President Clinton lost heart in Operation Restore Hope. ended the Aidid manhunt and soon after withdrew US forces.

The end of the UN mission to Somalia, in March last year, provoked a split between General Aidid and Mr Ato. and clan infighting broke out. Since then hundreds have died: the latest victim is the general himself, who was buried in south Mogadishu on Thursday. He was 59. Mr Ato, an equally urbane

and ruthless man, claimed at the time of the split that Somalia would be destroyed on the anvil of General Aidid's

It now remains to be seen

Sears se whether Mr Ato will be able to make peace with the general's shu — yesterday they offered a whether he, too, will revert to Mr Ato also flashes a broad And the state of t

rivals in the north of Mogadi-

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the Somali national character.



FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN

FORMER SS Captain Erich Priebke was held in an Italian jail yesterday as Germany confirmed it would seek his extradition. If it goes ahead, he faces a new trial over the massacre of 335 civilians in Nazi-occupied Rome.

An Italian military court set off worldwide protests on Thursday when it found the 83-year-old former Nazi guilty of taking part in the 1944 reprisal killings, but cleared him of acting with cruelty and premeditation on the ground that he was following orders. By a majority of two to one, the court ordered Priebke to be released because its ruling put the crime beyond the statute of

Priebke was re-arrested early yesterday by Italian antiterrorist police without ever leaving court after the authorities issued a provisional warrant based on a request from Interpol in Germany. Priebke was taken in handcuffs to Rome's Regina Coeli prison after Giovanni Maria Flick, the Justice Minister, inter-

vened to prevent his release. In Dortmund, prosecutors were optimistic about his extradition. It would make the first time that a Nazi war crime suspect had been returned to face charges in Germany from another EU country. Last year Germany failed to get Priebke returned

Under German law, Nazi crimes and the killing of hostages are not covered by the regular 30-year statue of

could face anything from 15 years to life imprisonment. Hundreds of angry Jewish demonstrators and relatives of massacre victims had besieged the courtroom and

clashed with police for seven hours, preventing Priebke and Judge Agostino Quistelli, head of the tribunal, from leaving from his home in Argentina. the building.
Priebke had hoped to return to Argentina, from where he



Erich Priebke is taken from court after his re-arrest

was extradited to Italy in November. But Buenos Aires said yesterday it would not allow him back

for the US and UN troops.

disarmament programme,

and a warrant was issued for

his arrest. For the next three

months, General Aidid lived a

The decision to hold Priebke in Regina Coeli soothed public opinion, partly because many of the massacre victims were selected from the prison.

President Scalfaro received relatives of the victims at the Quirinal Palace to express his solidarity with their outrage over the verdict. "If the application of the law does not respect man and history it is no longer law," he said.

could remain under arrest for 40 days while Germany arranged extradition. ment stood for a minute of silence on Thursday night and Rome switched off lighting at

Rome said that Priebke

leading monuments. Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, expressed "extreme bitterness", and Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" National Alliance leader, said the verdict "offends the civil conscience of all Italians".

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### West Bank go-ahead for settlers

By Ross DUNN

ISRAEL yesterday gave the green light to an expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to more than two million Palestinians.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, said that Palestinians had been allowed to increase their numbers freely, while Jews in the territories could not even be assured of building a kindergarten. It was time to end this discrimination against some 130,000 Jewish settlers, he

declared. tions to build inside existing settlements can be approved by the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister instead of a committee. The building of any new settlements would require special approval by the full Cabinet.

But Labour party critics of the Government said the real plan was to settle more Jews in areas which once formed the biblical land of Israel.

# Netanyahu and Husain meet secretly in Britain

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, the Israeli Prime Minister. secretly met King Husain of Jordan in Britain last weekend to discuss plans for a total Middle East peace.

Mr Netanyahu spoke to John Major for 25 minutes last Friday before setting off for Britain to meet the King, who was convalescing at his home in Ascot, outside London, after an operation.

Abed al-Karim Kabariti, the Jordanian Prime Minister, and Mr Netanyahu's close advisers also took part in the talks with the King. Their advance the peace process between Israel and Syria. Mr Netanyahu's plan first to make peace with Lebanon before a pact with Syria was also discussed.

As a result of the meeting. King Husain is visiting Syria today. The trip, earlier than scheduled, is his first official visit to Damascus since he signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994. The King and the Israeli leader had wanted to keep the meeting private, so as to give the impression that the Jordanian monarch was meeting President Assad of Syria before Mr Netanyahu's trip to Jordan on Monday for a second round of talks.

Mr Netanyahu, apparently, did not even inform his Cabinet at last week's regular meeting about his visit to London. The Husain-Netanyahu meeting appears to have breathed fresh life into the peace process.

On Thursday, shuttle diplo-

macy between Israel and Jor-Gold. Mr Netanyahu's foreign affairs adviser, visited Amman to prepare for the Israeli leader's visit. Dr Gold met Mr Kabariti and Crown Prince Hassan, who demanded that Israel honour a series of pledges, relating to water and financial issues, made at the time of signing their 1994 peace treaty. Jordan wants Israel to make it easier for its West Bank, as well as to implement the water allocation agreement stipulated in their pact. On Thursday, Mr Netan-

yahu met Dan Meridor, his Finance Minister, to discuss ways to meet Jordan's demands. The Israeli leader said he gave high priority to relations with Jordan and wanted the sticking points resolved. Mr Netanyahu's office also said that he favoured establishing a free-trade zone with Jordan, with the help of the United States.

Both Syria and Mr Netannied reports that President Assad had sent an envoy to Israel last month to discuss

prospects for peace. A Jerusalem Post report yesterday said an unnamed US citizen with strong Syrian connections met an official of Mr Netanyahu's office in mid-June during a private visit. He then went to Damascus, where he apparently met senior Syrian officials.

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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

# Former directors of Dunn & Co sued for £8m

By Jon Ashworth

DUNN & CO, the menswear group known for its hats and braces, has been caught up in an unseemly spat involving lawyers, accountants and irate landlords. The former directors of the menswear group are being sued for £8 million over steps allegedly taken to protect the company pension fund from angry creditors.

Liquidators of Dunn & Co have issued a write and a statement the management and and a statement and a stateme

against the pension scheme, trustees and former directors, alleging that action was taken to put assets beyond the reach of its creditors.

Sears sells

Saxone

and Hush

**Puppies** 

The shoes are still available

in the traditional brown but the range has been extended to

add lime green, lemon sorbet

and Bacon shoe shop chains, is raising £14.9 million in a

placing and open offer at 110p

a share to help to fund the

Hush Puppies acquisition. It is

also arranging credit of up to

Sears has expanded the

Hush Puppies chain from just

However, the group's latest

strategy is to concentrate on its

large-scale, low-price footwear chains - Shoe Express, Shoe

Liam Strong, group chief executive, said yesterday that the Hush Puppies sale was "the final building block in our

strategy to focus British Shoe

Corporation on a small num-

ber of brands with the potential for growth".

The deal will leave the

British Shoe Corporation, the Sears subsidiary, with 230 of

the stores that it sold between

August last year and February

to Facia, the shoe retailing empire of Stephen Hinchliffe,

the flambovant entrepreneur.

Facia was placed in admin-

istration in May, sparking its collapse and leading to the

return of the shoe shops to

Healey & Baker, the survey or, is looking for buyers for the remaining stores but it is still

thought likely that some of these will close, resulting in

Sears has provided £25 million to cover the cost of getting rid of the chains. Mr Strong

said yesterday that the figure left Sears adequately provid-ed for in respect of future liabilities arising from the

administration of Facia's foot-

wear interests".

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Stylo, owner of the Barratt

and violet.

SEARS took a step towards sorting out its troubled shoe businesses yesterday, selling the Saxone and Hush Puppies brands, and paying £8.75 million to have 61 of the

shops at the centre of the collapse of the Facia group

Stylo, the Yorkshire shoe

group run by the Ziff family, will be paid with a reverse

dividend by Sears to take over

the unwanted Saxone, Free-

man Hardy Willis and

Trueform stores. Stylo, in turn, is paying £5.9 million for

Stylo will also pay £19.2 million for the Hush Puppies

retail business, while Wolver-

ine, the American owner of the

Hush Puppies brand name, is

to pay Sears £3.8 million for the wholesale business. The

sale will produce a profit of E500,000 for Sears and is

conditional on the agreement

Helped by vigorous advertising. Hush Puppies, once the

preserve of the comfort-seek-

ing middle aged, are enjoying

a fashion revival. The pigskin

lace-ups have been spotted not only on the feet of diehard fans

like Kenneth Clarke, the

Chancellor, but also of film

and pop stars such as Liam and Noel Gallagher of Oasis, David Bowie, Jack Nicholson

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These assets were said to include the payment of a dividend worth £6 million in favour of the pension, and a portfolio of properties from Kine's Lyon to Taunton

The action concerns events in 1989 when Dunn set up a limited company, effectively ring-fencing its pension fund from creditors. Recession and falling property values subsequently took their toll, and most of the Dunn operation was closed in 1991, with the loss of up to 400 jobs. About 100 sites were closed. Hodges, a Welsh company, cherry-picked the best 39 sites, and the Dunn name lives on,

unaffected by the current legal dispute.

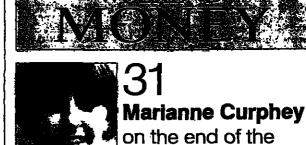
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Creditors first in the queue, such as the banks and the taxman, have received some spoils from the liquidation, but there has been no such joy for the unsecured landlords who owned many of Dunn's former sites. The joint liquidators, Philip Wallace and Peter Beirne of KPMG, have taken the action with a view to clawing back some additional funds.

Dunn was originally an unlimited company, and creditors would have had free pick of the pension fund assets. Creating a limited company put in place a buffer protecting pensioners The liquidators have called on the pension scheme and trustees to pay over £8 million for the benefit of creditors. Dunn's former directors

face separate calls to pay compensation or damages to make up the loss. Dunn & Co was formed at the turn of the century, and quickly established itself as a familiar name in men's fashion.

Norton Rose acts for the Dunn camp, but no-one was available for comment. Albert Armstrong, former deputy chairman of Dunn, was surprised to hear of the action.



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### Ofwat to protect Southern customers

By Jon Ashworth

IAN BYATT, Director-General of Ofwat, the water industry regulator, has pledged to ensure that Southern Water is run in the interests of customers as well as shareholders after last month's £1.67 billion takeover by ScottishPower.

Under proposed changes stemming from the deal, South-ern Water's average prices would be I per cent lower than they would otherwise have been next year, and 3 per cent lower for two years from April 1998.

Inviting comment on the proposals. Mr Byatt stressed his desire to have a clear view of Southern's performance. He said: "My objective is to ensure that the business operates in the interest of customers of Southern Water, not only the group shareholders, and that I have access to information to enable me to regulate effectively. Arrangements for access to information will enable me to continue comparing Southern Water with other water com-

In the past Mr Byatt has argued that water companies should retain a separate listing on the stock market so that he can monitor closely their finan-



Stepping out: colourful Hush Puppies, and devotees Ken Clarke and model Naomi Campbell

# US labour figures fuel share and bond prices

on nervousness about the lat-

est announcement on BSE

which may prolong the British beef ban. Its trade-weighted

index closed at 84.1, down

from 84.7 on Thursday night.

Jones industrial average was quoted 58 points higher in early afternoon trading. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond jumped by more than a

The trigger for rallies in stock and bond markets was the eagerly awaited US labour market report for July. The unemployment rate edged up to 5.4 per cent in July compared with 5.3 per cent in June. Non-farm payrolls in-creased 193,000 against a rein London to close 36.2 points higher at 3,770.6, a rise of nearly 1 per cent. However, the pound closed sharply low-

plenty of new jobs, the rise was expected.

weakening came too in news of a 0.9 per cent fall in factory orders in June, the first decline for four months. Separate figures showed the first drop in consumer spending since January. Yesterday's figures combined with Thursday's news of a weaker purchasing managers' index to strengthen the argument against a rate increase when the Federal Open Market Committee

# By Janet Bush, economics correspondent er, partly moving in tandem with a softer dollar and partly

Until yesterday, the Facia debacle had halted attempts at streamlining by Sears, which also owns Selfridges and the Freemans catalogue operation. The group lost £120 million last year. The losses

and the dealings with Mr Hinchliffe, combined with high executive bonuses and a poor share performance, have undermined the faith of many investors in Mr Strong. Sears shares finished 12p down at the close yesterday, at 98p, while Stylo was un-changed at 120p.

EVIDENCE that the strong momentum of the American economy may be fading yes-terday allayed fears of an imminent rise in US interest rates and sent share and bond prices soaring.
On Wall Street, the Dow

full percentage point.
Surging markets in America helped the FT-SE 100 index

vised 220,000 gain in June. Although this shows that the US economy is still creating

less than Wall Street had A hint of slight economic

meets on August 20.

Stock market, page 28

# Milken embarks on UK venture

MICHAEL MILKEN, the disgraced former junk bond trader, has teamed up with Larry Ellison, chairman and chief execu-tive of Oracle, the US computer company, to take control of CRT Group, the UK based recruitment and training company.

Education Technology, a start-up venture jointly owned by Mr Milken and Mr

Ellison, is paying £109 million to sub-scribe to 68 million shares at 160p, equal to 50.1 per cent of the company's enlarged share capital. The unexpected interest in CRT excited the City and the shares rose

60p yesterday to close at a record high of 210p, valuing the company at £140 million. CRT will have £100 million to spend after completion of the deal. It said that it had acquisition targets in mind. The executive team at CRT will remain

in place, with Neil McCarthy, executive vice-president of Education Technology, joining as executive deputy chairman. The non-executives will make way for new directors including Tom Kalinske, former chief executive of Sega USA, and Mr Ellison. Education Technology was established by Mr Milken and Mr Ellison at the start of the year. The investment in

CRT is the company's first deal. Mr Milken was jailed for two years in 1990 and fined \$1.1 billion for securities fraud committed while working at Burnham Drexel Lambert, the now defunct investment house. He is still banned from working in the securities industry: CRT, which floated in 1989, unveiled

full-year results yesterday, with profits, excluding exceptionals, rising 22.5 per cent to £8 million. Turnover rose 42 per cent to £103 million. The total dividend was increased 9 per cent to 4.1p, with a final of 3.175p payable on December 11.

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# Britain must stay at the table while EMU's on the menu

The pressure from some MPs on their respective front benches to rule out British entry to European economic and monetary union (EMU) in the next Parliament increases, it seems, every day. Many claim support in their quest from the City. A clear decision by the Government, they say, would give the City what it most craves — certainty.

They are quite wrong — for

two main reasons. ☐ With due respect to the sincerity of those who might make it, a promise not to enter EMU in the next Parliamant does not, in practice, provide certainty. Would any serious bank or financial institution risk its future by halting EMU preparations on the basis of such a

☐ If British ministers were to state a firm intention to opt out, British influence on the detailed implementation of EMU would sink towards zero — leaving vital British interests unprotected.

Some have argued that a single currency for European Union countries is not viable without a single government. Others take the opposite view. But, given the strong political drive to introduce it, we in the City must prepare for EMU to

begin on time. Let me take the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) as an example. Our futures and op-tions contracts enable financial institutions and their clients to insure themselves against interest-rate movements. As a result, corporate treasurers can protect profitability and jobs, and banks can offer to small businesses and individuals fixed-

rate loans and mortgages. We recognise the powerful political and economic arguments for and against joining. There are commercial arguments both ways, too. We therefore have no corporate view on the merits of EMU or on whether the UK should join. However, we are quite clear that we have to be prepared for EMU to go ahead and for UK entry.

Many Liffe contracts are de-nominated in currencies that might participate in EMU — the mark, the lira and the pound. If EMU goes ahead, there would. in time, be a single short-term rate of interest across the EMU area and hence a single shortterm interest rate futures contract. It would be a heavily traded contract and would give a substantial boost to London as a financial centre if Liffe secured it - a viable objective whether the UK is in or out of EMU.

Liffe has made a good start by making it clear that each of our European short-term interest



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rate futures will be Euro contracts - if EMU goes ahead and the contract in question is denominated in a currency that participates in EMU.

We now have to consider our

long-term bond futures and options contracts and indeed all our contracts - to position them so

as to secure as much business as possible in a post-EMU world. For this must be the City's objective - to seize as many as possible of the opportunities that are presented by the huge changes to capital markets that will result from EMU. In doing this, we need the support of British ministers and officials in the councils of the European Union. For there are many areas where the right decisions need to be taken both for Britain and Europe. Let me give just three

The December 1995 European Council in Madrid decided that there should be a "legally enforceable equivalence" be-tween the national currencies and the euro. A regulation is necessary to ensure that throughout the European Union participating national currencies are freely convertible into euros without conditions and at mini-

examples.

mal cost. Anything less than this could result in legal uncertainty and increased financial risk. Higher risk means higher costs and threatens jobs.

Or take settlement. It is vital that there is a direct link from the UK's real time settlement system for banks to corresponding systems in other EMU member countries (the Target project).

The warning signs are already flashing. Reports now say that continental central bankers have been discussing limiting the access to Target of banks from nonparticipating countries. If they are successful, UK-based banks and financial institutions may be

Or take contract law. European legislation must ensure that contracts cannot be terminated simply because they are denomi-nated in a currency that is giving way to the euro. However, Euromatically apply in New York, Japan, or indeed anywhere else in the world.

British ministers and officials need to press for active negotiations with non-EU authorities to ensure that the switch to the euro does not undermine trading in the European financial instruments.

These issues may seem technical, but they are fundamental to the City's continued success as Europe's number one financial centre. The City's ability to generate £20 billion in invisible earnings and more than half a million jobs for Britain may be at

Stake.

Getting EMU right is important to us all, regardless of whether the UK joins in 1999.

☐ The author is chairman of the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kepit managers plan

THE managers of Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) yesterday offered to turn the fund into a unit trust to

try to eliminate the discount at which it is currently trading. The proposal was sparked by a near £500 million bid two days ago by TR European Growth Trust (Treg), which offered to liquidate the

ailing trust and return the proceeds to Kepit's 77,000 shareholders. The latest offer came just four days before Kepit

shareholders were due to vote on earlier plans for the board to

buy back 60 per cent of Kepit shares. Those plans were

abandoned yesterday as the managers tried to postpone the

Both of the Kepit proposals aim to narrow the difference

between the value of the trust's portfolio, known as the net asset

value (NAV), and the price at which the shares have been

switch to unit trust

### **Burford** pays £7m for stake

Burford Holdings, the acquisitive property group, has bought a 25 per cent strategic shareholding in Grantchester Group, the warehouse developer, for £6.9 million. The group said it regarded the deal as the first stage of bringing Grantchester to the market. It is Burford's third buy since its £145 million rights issue last May.

### Cardcast up

Cardcast, the AIM-listed credit card protection company, lifted its pre-tax profit 83 per cent to £401,000 in the six months to June 30 after a deal with the BBC. There is no dividend.

#### Airport spend

Aer Rianta, the Irish stateowned airport authority, is to spend Ir£120 million on its two main airports over the next five years. The terminal at Dublin airport is to be extended and fitted with a new passenger handling pier, while passenger facilities will be expanded at Shannon airport.

# **Dublin ready** to restart sale of TSB

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

NATIONAL Australia Bank the country's largest bank, yesterday reaffirmed its interest in buying the Irish Republic's Trustees Savings Bank, amid renewed signs that the Dublin Government is finally ready to sell.

The Australian bank, which already owns the National Irish Bank as well as Yorkshire, Clydesdale and Northern banks, is interested in acquiring the Irish bank, which analysts estimate could carry a price tag of up to A\$280 million (£140 million). to establish a critical mass

The move puts the bank head-to-head with Ulster Bank, a subsidiary of the National Westminster, which indicated two years ago that it was interested at a figure rumoured to be El26 million.

A spokesman for National Australia Bank yesterday said: "We are still very keen on the purchase of the TSB and

the offer is still on the table." National Australia Bank was the preferred bidder for the TSB when it was put up for sale two years ago, but its offer was stalled after pressure from local banks led to the Irish Government opening up the sale to general tender. The bank had hoped to combine the TSB, which has around 5 per cent of the Irish market, with its National Irish Bank, which it acquired in 1986, to double its market share.

The Irish banking market is dominated by the Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank. which between them have around 80 per cent of the market.

National Australia Bank has made no secret of its desire to expand overseas. Last year it bought Michi-

gan National Bank in the US for A\$2.1 billion and is believed to have earmarked up to A\$2 billion for acquisitions.



Arild Nerdrum, chairman of Caverdale, the motor retailer, whose £1 million acquisition of Clarks Rover helped to lift pre-tax profits 26 per cent to £2 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 7.1p (6.1p) per share, allowing an interim dividend of I.6p (1.2p), due October 1

# Jacques Vert plunges into red

JACQUES VERT, the women's wear group, has plunged into the red with a pre-tax loss of £5.04 million for the year to April 27, compared with a profit of £3.1 million the previous year (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The group cancelled its 2.25p interim dividend, which it had already postponed, and

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team at the rail leasing

company Porterbook have made a personal fortune of

more than £80m. Is this

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Bill Reid, the executive chairman who took over as chief executive in March, said that late and incomplete deliveries of clothing to wholesalers and to its own shops had led to large-scale returning of goods

and a sharp drop in sales.

Turnover was down 14 per

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gearing at year-end was 124 per cent.

The group has closed its Devon factory and is shutting around 30 unprofitable shops, with about 100 job losses, which will be covered by an exceptional charge of £1.67 million in the 1995-96 accounts.

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#### trading. The NAV is currently just under 103p, and the shares closed yesterday at 92 p. Kepit has urged shareholders to ignore the Treg proposals. Weekend Money, page 32 ignore the Treg proposals. Rec buyback approved

EGM and put the new deal forward.

SHAREHOLDERS at the annual meeting of London Electricity, one of the few independent regional electricity companies, yesterday approved the buyback of up to 17.4 million common shares. The maximum price will be 105 per cent of the average price of the shares in the ten trading days immediately preceding the day on which the repurchases are made. The repurchase option expires in August 1997. Shares of London Electricity, which have been on the wane in recent months, closed unchanged at 620p.

### Irish jobless total rises

THE Republic of Ireland's jobless total continued its upward trend in July with 5,500 more people signing on for unemployment benefits, according to the Central Statistics Office. The unadjusted July figure of 288,400 prompted opposition parties to call for new government measures to tackle one of the European Union's highest unemployment rates - currently 12.6 per cent. The seasonally adjusted July

#### **Dual success for DMV**

DIGI-MEDIA VISION (DMV), a subsidiary of News International, owner of The Times, has received Queen's Awards for Technology and Export. DMV, which is at the forefront of digital satellite and terrestrial broadcasting, is the only company to have been granted both awards this year. They were presented to Mike Windram, managing director, by Mary Fagan, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire.

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interview with Dame Sheila Masters feels a little like a boxer preparing for a champ-ionship title fight. Will hursday it be a knockout blow. or will the punishment linger to the final bell?

To rise this high in a firm as big as KPMG, one has to be tough - and to judge by her fearsome reput-ation, Dame Sheila is as tough as they come. Wrists strapped, gloves on, I step into the ring to do battle."

Several rounds later, I wonder what all the fuss was about. Dame Sheila is tough, certainly, but she does not try to pretend otherwise. One warms to her, as she speaks of those maulings for the unfortunates who fall short of her high standards. Sentences are punctuated by hearty roars of laughter. There is even a glimpse of her "other" life - dogs and cats roaming a farmyard in Kent; dinner in Covent Garden after a night at the opera.

Things could be far worse. Dame Sheila, 47, made a dame in the Queen's Birthday Honours, has cut a swathe through the male-dominated world of accountancy. When she joined Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co in 1970, armed with a law degree from Bristol,

women were looked on with suspicion. She was one of only four women out of an intake of 100 in her year. Two-and-a-half decades later, 47 of KPMG's 587 partners are women, and Dame Sheila commands the heights, in a firm that employs 8,481 people and earned £588.7 million in fees last year. This week,

KPMG was cleared over its audit of International Signal & Control, the company that brought down Ferranti International. It earlier paid £40 million to settle the case, without admitting liability.

"I think that coming in five years earlier would have been really tough," says Dame Sheila, who qualified as a chartered accountant in 1973 and made partner ten years later. "It was just at the time that women started saying they wanted to have professional careers and go on and do other things. The City and places like that were just changing

It is tempting to throw in the cliche of the lone woman triumphing against all odds, but Dame Sheila will have none of really hard, and it wasn't," she chuckles. "It really wasn't. I think I was lucky. I had a very good senior manager who genuinely took me under his wing and wanted me to succeed. He adopted me as a kind of a daughter and was very kind. He did slightly overprotect me, because it meant I never went on heavy manufacturing audits in places like Stockport. On the other hand, he sent me to cosmetic factories and things like that, which I

thought was levely. Dame Sheila's talents were recognised. long before she made partner. In 1979 she

years in the first of a series of government postings. She was told that life might be tough. "The then senior partner nearly fell off his chair," says Dame Sheila. "I was known as being fairly tough even by

Why the aggression? "I think it's just a natural stand-and-fight. I've never been on an assertiveness course or anything like that. It's just how I naturally behave. I'm very focused. I know what the end result has to be, and I'll go for it. I can be quite driven in that way."

Dame Sheila concedes that she has made enemies along the way. "It probably should bother me a bit more than it does While there probably are some people who say they will never work for me, and I know there are, because they ve either been slightly scarred en route, or they've heard of other people, I don't mind that much. And it's not just because I'm a woman. There are many of my male partners who are in exactly the same position."

Office tensions have never erupted into physical violence, although Dame Sheila once found a threatening note on her desk. She was asked a question about Nigeria on the BBC's Question Time, and returned to a note that said something like: "You fascist cow, we'll come and get you." Dame Sheila admits to being shaken by the incident.

"It was actually quite dreadful, because it was very close to the office. One thought, being there, eight o'clock at night, nobody else around, what might one

She frequently appears

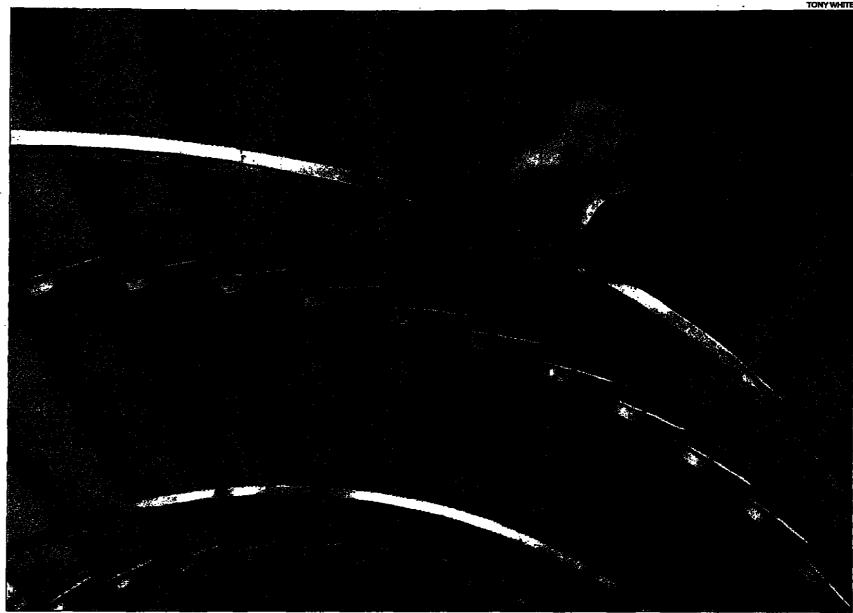
on television, once de-fending the NHS on Sir David Frost's programme. "What is there? Is there something in me that actually likes to be seen?"

she muses. "Perhaps there's something in me that might have gone on the stage. There's something in me that likes the Dame Sheila was seconded to the NHS as director of finance from 1989-91, and

later served on the NHS Policy Board. Virginia Bottomley is an old acquaintance, although Kenneth Clarke was in charge at the time. "I came in at a time when the NHS was seriously overspending and didn't really have any sense of financial management. So I had to completely change the culture and eliminate a lot of deficit."

KPMG, was shedding jobs at the firm's London office, Dame Sheila took the axe to the NHS. "Living within finance never quite caught up with the NHS. They found ways of fiddling to get round the year and borrow off next year. I used to do a lot to find out where the cause of the problems were, and really insisting on remedial action, some of which was tough things, like cutting services, and actually starting to manage resources properly."

Dame Sheila insists she is not responsible for hospital closures and other deeply unpopular moves, but the "manage



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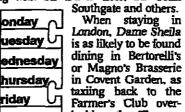
within your means" rallying cry certainly bears her mark. "I never made those decisions. What I said was: 'you managers have to confront the fact that you have to balance your books, and we can talk about how long it's going to take you to balance the books, but you are going to balance the books'. They then had to come back with their plan, and their timetable. The difficult thing was actually to get to that position, and then drive them on and not be pushed to one side."

Dame Sheila commutes to London by train from a 200-acre farm near Tunbridge Wells, which she shares with her husband, Barry Noakes. The couple have pedigree beef cattle and sheep, and there are two racehorses, being groomed as steeplechasers. The couple recently sponsored a race at Windsor. The Barry and Sheila Noakes Handicap. Dame Sheila enjoys life on the farm, but stops short of shearing sheep or mucking out stables. "It's a very nice contrast when I come back for the weekends." The kitchen is

Working commitments keep Dame Shella away one or two nights a week. Her main audit client is the BBC, although she denies any part in John

filled with dogs and cats.

Birt's hard-hitting reforms. She is a nonexecutive member of the Inland Revenue's Management Board, and a nonexecutive director of the Bank of England, along with Sir David Lees, Sir Colin



Courcheval in France.

taxiing back to the Farmer's Club overlooking the Thames. Holidays might find her on the ski slopes skiers and have bought an apartment in

Being made a dame has brought sackfuls of mail — and some witty retorts. Colin Southgate actually sent me a CD and said I was to play track 12 on side two. or whatever it was, and I just knew without looking that it was Nothing Like A Dame." She is still replying to all the letters from friends and former colleagues. "It's really nice. I know I'll be able to look back on those letters in my old

For all her intelligence and success, one last prize has eluded Dame Sheila: the presidency of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). She has put herself up for defeated. After much soul-searching, Dame Sheila has decided to give it one

age and relive the glow."

more try and will be standing again in February - no doubt to the consternation of fellow members of the ICAEW council, on which she has sat since 1987.

The challenge is actually to try and shake up the institute into an organisation to fit the next millennium, which means quite a lot of attitudes have to change. If the institute was in business, it wouldn't have any business, because it's not close enough to its clients."

Success would leave Dame Sheila in line to become president in 1999. "I'd be crushed if I were rejected a third time. One of my partners said 'of course you're now much too grand to be elected, having smiles wistfully. "Having got so far, I really want to do it."

### **HIDDEN ASSETS**

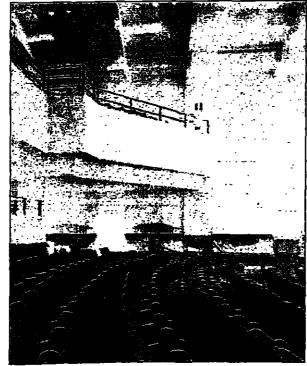
# Auntie's Art Deco gem of a theatre shines once again

Broadcasting House that looms up as you enter Portland Place from Regent Street is a gem of a theatre, recently restored and refurbished to its original 1930s glamour and now equipped with all the state of the art technology that a modern sound studio could need.

The BBC's audience entertainment programmes, hav-ing departed reluctantly from The Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street for reasons of cost, have moved into the new venue and are now revelling in the plush glamour of the renamed BBC Radio Theatre, bringing "as-live" light entertainment programmes such as the News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue back to the heart of Broadcasting House after 50 years.

Those bubbly audiences, ever ready with another warm round of applause, now find themselves cocooned in the splendour of a magnificently theatrical Art Deco hall, refurbished, relined, restaged and redeco-rated with staggering coloured star-burst house lighting and the original 1930s wall friezes done by Gilbert Bayes, a contemporary of Eric Gill.

The theatre is one of three remaining halls in Broadcasting House now all Grade II listed, that retain the original features conceived by Lieutenant-Colonel G. Val Myer, the architect who designed the building as a showcase for broadcasting technology and contempo-rary interior styles. From the tics never matched other new



The theatre has been restored to its Thirties glamour

concert halls of the era. The

hall was subject to a series of

changes, with the stage and

the seating being altered

unsuccessfully several times.

In 1940 when a German bomb ripped into the Port-

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ing Radio Three decided to

decamp to the Wigmore Hall

near by and the audience

entertainment team went off

Now the BBC's resources

building design team, led by

Jane Thornley, an architect.

has transformed the hall. She

said: "Everything we did had

to be done within the guide-

to The Paris Theatre.

day in October 1932 when the hall opened with a concert of Mozart and Beethoven string quartets it was used mainly as a venue for the BBC's lunchtime concerts and also as an air raid shelter for BBC staff during the blitz.

Unfortunately, it never quite fulfilled its original promise as a concert hall. Underground rumblings from the Bakerloo line increasingly impinged on the recordings. The stage was never quite big enough to accommodate a full sympho-

and yet we had to increase the stage size and radically alter the acoustics to suit speech reverberations as opposed to music. "By lowering the ceiling and bringing in the walls slightly so that the space

They said we couldn't change the appearance of the hall

became about 18 per cent smaller we solved the acoustics problem and we rebuilt the ceiling and walls in wood and plasterboard in such a way that they still look like the original plaster moulding." Acoustics have been further improved with a fine mesh hood stretched above

he Compton pipe organ, a splendid piece of workmanship of 2.362 pipes commissioned in the early 1930s, is lovingly maintained and played regularly, but it is so loud that its blasts tend to reverberate up and down the building's steel frame, making unwanted appearances in the dozens of erudite programmes being broadcast from surrounding studios - and particularly in

the news studio above. The BBC's in-house Organ Society, however, has insisted for the past 20 years on regular use of the instrument to prevent deterioration. Every night after the Radio 4 announcer has signed off at the end of the midnight bulletin and the shipping forecast has been broadcast. devoted members of the society strike up with their nocturnal concerts.

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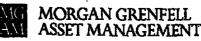
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# Bid whispers lift shares of Cadbury Schweppes

the confectionery and soft drinks group headed by Dominic Cadbury, was the best performing blue chip yester-day, jumping 20p to 539p amid claims that it could soon get a takeover offer.

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Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch foods group, is seen as a potential suitor, although most brokers were quick to rule this out. They say Unilever, up 11p at £12.58, has enough on its plate already. Speculation has been swirling round Cadbury, which has a price-tag of more than £5 billion, ever since it began unwinding its worldwide bottling agreement with Coca-Cola earlier this year. There has been talk that Cadbury has been looking to buy the soft drinks arm of Quaker Oats to bolster its drinks portfolio, Brokers say if a bid was launched for the company, it would be more likely to originate from the US.

Elsewhere, share prices closed near their best of the day, benefiting from further evidence of a slowdown in the US economy provided by the latest employment numbers. Figures on job creation were at the bottom end of expectations, reassuring investors that a rise in US interest rates can be avoided.

Investors in London were quick to respond to the news and the subsequent 70-point surge in the Dow Jones industrial average. By the close, the FTSE 100 index was 36.2 points higher at 3,770.6, a rise on the week of 97.3. .

The fashion for share buybacks is growing. Yesterday London Electricity received shareholder approval to buy back almost 10 per cent of its equity. It now has until August, next year, to execute the transaction. The shares closed unchanged at 620p.

Earlier this week Thames Water, up 6p at 539p, bought back more than 40 million of its own shares and National Westminster Bank, 10p better at 655p, splashed out £450 million on buying back shares. HSBC James Capel, the broker, is optimistic about prospects for NatWest, forecasting that the share price months. Michael Lever, bank-ing analyst at Capel, said many of the fears relating to NatWest's figures had been

A profits warning saw Arjo Wiggins Appleton touch 164p



The market thinks Dominic Cadbury could soon face a bid

before ending the session 3p cheaper at 171p. Quarterly figures released to the Paris bourse revealed a downturn in turnover during the second quarter. BZW responded by cutting its profit forecast for the full year by E30 million to E120 million. Other houses are expected to follow suit.

Sears dipped 12p to 98p after announcing several dis-

after a bearish review of the company from Nikko. The comments come after of a bad week for chemical companies reflected in the disappointing news from Hanson, unchanged at 1552 p. and Shell, ill p better at 923p. Nikko says the shares are

supplier, dropped 5p to 438p

overvalued and does not see the group's trading record.

Keep an eye on Network Technology, up 3p at 143p, after making its debut on AIM this week, following a placing at 120p. New contracts should boost turnover of the computer hard and software specialist this year to £40 million. The profit margins are generous and brokers say next stop for the shares should be 200p.

posals. It is selling its Hush Puppies wholesale operation to Wolverine Worldwide for £23 million. The Hush Puppies retail side is being bought by Stylo, which is also being paid £9.75 million by Sears to take on 61 shoe stores at the centre of the recent Facia collapse. Stylo, unchanged at 120p, is raising almost £15 million via a placing and open offer at 110p to help to finance

Courtaulds, the chemicals

since it was demerged from Courtaulds Textiles in 1990,

improving dramatically. CRT, the education specialist, soared 60p to 210p on learning that Education Technology, the US learning and technology group, had ten-dered £109 million for 50.1 per cent of the shares. CRT said the move will help to finance the next stage of the group's development. The move was accompanied by full-year figures from CRT showing pre-

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#### Ronson, famous for its cigarette lighters and other branded goods, is asking shareholders to dig deep for an extra £10.4 million for a nine-for-10 rights issue at 25p. The Albion Consortium Fund will help to underwrite the issue by subscribing for 4.47 Howard Hodgson, the former undertaker, wants to pay off debts and provide finance to develop the group. Ronson saw interim figures spoilt by a warehouse fire in Newcastle. Pre-tax profits collapsed from £1.45 million to

Pegasus, the computer software group, ended unchanged at 413p, in spite of receiving terms of a bid from Sage Group, ip firmer at 429p Unfortunately, Sage decided to pitch the terms at 425p, either in cash or shares, offering a 10p premium to the ruling market price. Sage was forced out in the open by persistent speculation that has driven the Pegasus share price to new heights.

£57.000. The shares fell 5p to

Jacques Vert, the fashion group, dropped 11p to 54p after plunging into the red. with osses of £5 million compared with a surplus last time of £3

On the Alternative Investment Market SCi Entertainment, the software group, became the 200th company to join the secondary market after a placing at 149p. The shares started life at 151p and ended the session at 156p. GILT EDGED: Prices recovered from a slow start after

investors gave a warm reception to the latest US employment numbers. These provided further evidence that the US economy was showing signs of slowing, averting the need for a rise in US interest

In the futures pit the September long gilt closed at its best of the day with a rise of £1532 at £1072732 as a total of 58,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £1332 to £983132. At the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was E732 better

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# Jobs worth on Wall Street

THE important thing about the share price surge in London and Wall Street was that it was not about statistics. These figures are usually meaningless. US unemployment moved up a little in July to 5.4 per cent, from June's figure of 5.3 per cent. The American economy is still creating lots of jobs; the non-farm payroll grew by 193,000 jobs, but that compares with 220,000 jobs

It all sounds fairly unexciting, but Wall Street's big wheels have been stuck in a Slough of Despond for a month. Yesterday. however, they were spinning with excitement because a weaker employment market means they need no longer worry about inflation nor a rise in short-term

What has caused their spirits to revive?

They are happy, not because job creation is slowing but because it is slowing faster than expected. The Dow Jones industrial average soared yesterday because economists had predicted that 207,000 jobs would be created and the real figure was 14,000 less. In effect, the stock market is delirious because things are just a little bit better than expected, or not quite as bad as feared. For those 14,000 Americans who did not get jobs in July, there is the thought that each job forgone was worth millions for someone on Wall Street.

The irony is that real data about companies has been available for weeks, providing ample proof that the outlook is benign. Well over 00 per cent of the companies in the S&P 500 index have reported earnings ahead of expectations. But why believe empirical data when an economist can give you a view?

#### CRT

THE former junk bond dealer, Michael Milken, is probably not the first person that shareholders in CRT would expect to see investing in their company. News that Mr Milken and his partner. Larry Ellison, had just invested more than £100 million in the training and recruitment company through their jointly owned start-up venture. Education Technology. sent CRT shares scurrying 40 per cent

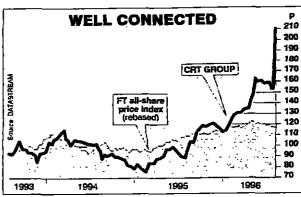
higher yesterday. Education Technology has been attracted to CRT because it believes the company can become the dominant European player in the recruitment and training market. CRT has three divisions - training, information technology recruitment consultancy and multimedia - that offer substantial op-

ng and synergies. CRT is also operating in a relatively immature and

fractured market and with £100 million to spend should be able to expand rapidly. The existing executive team has established a good track record since disposing of CRT's failing management consultancy division two

portunities for cross-brand-

years ago. This team will stay in place after the share subscription but will also be able to draw on the wealth of experience and contacts from the company's new nonexecutives. Until the company reveals more about its plans, the shares carry some risk. But with cash and a good track record, CRT is certainly not junk.



#### Sears -

WITH Stylo, Sears has found a more secure home for Hush Puppies than Facia proved to be for the unfortunate Saxone, Freeman Hardy Willis and Trueform chains. Nevertheless, the prospect of a sale that sticks to the buyer rather than one that comes flying back into the face of the vendor is not enough to make the deal entirely satisfactory. Hush Pupples is not a complete dog, so to speak. The business made some

money and the brand is enjoying a fashion revival as a form of 1970s retrochic. That may not be sufficient reason to keep it, but the price being paid to Sears for the retail and wholesale businesses - some £23 million represents a small fraction of eir turnover of about E70 million.

Sears has a habit of selling businesses for less than turnover, a factor which disturbs those in the City fraternity

values of Sears based on enterprise values of the retail-

The test for Sears will be the price at which Freemans. its catalogue business, is, sold. There is no indication from the company that the business is for sale, but lack of growth opportunities was the rationale for shedding Hush Puppies and there is little chance of Sears expanding Freemans. Traditional mail order is not a growth market and Sears shareholders would be unlikely to

tolerate a costly acquisition.

Caspian

THE City knows a good deal when it sees one. Yesterday's iOp leap to 2812 p in the price of Caspian Group shares after the approval of its deal to buy the media minnow has struck a bargain.

Caspian, which until now was a ragbag of mediocre assets, is paying £16.5 million for Leeds, equal to the price

paid by Newcastle United for England striker Alan Shearer plus one year of Shearer's wages. It is a mere 8 per cent of the value of Manchester United and less than a fifth of the market value of Tottenham Hotspur. Leeds had sales last year of more than EIS million and, before transfer fees, made profits of

Given the massive influx of TV cash into football and the possibility of the team playing in Europe, then these fig-ures will look like chicken feed. Moreover, Caspian has grandiose plans to add ice hockey, basketball and rugby league to the delights on offer at the Elland Road ground.

Assuming there are no more legal hiccups in this deal. Caspian shareholders and Leeds United season take up the offer of shares at 1812 p. It might not be as good a gravy train as Porterbrook, but it looks good.

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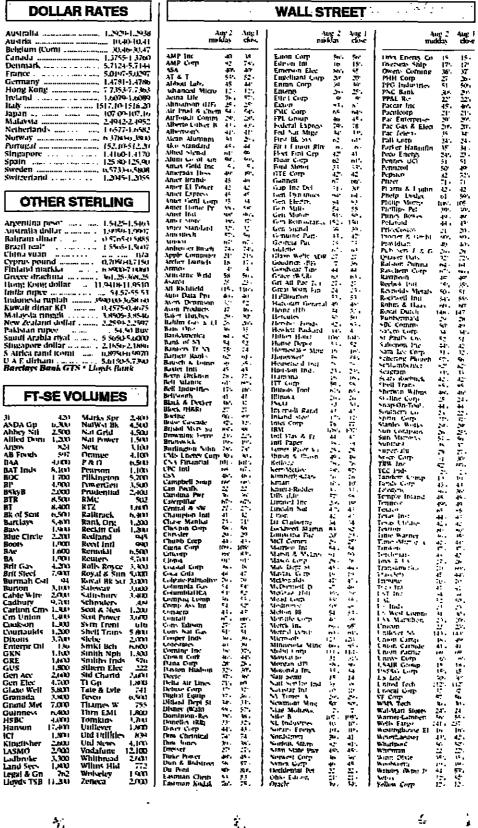
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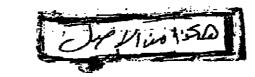
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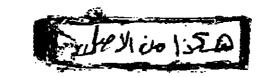
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Negative equity and job cuts hit the middle class

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# Insurer warns carpet-baggers

Caroline Merrell explains why speculators in life policies risk getting their fingers burnt

warned investors against taking out policies solely to benefit from cash or share payouts should it decide to float on the stock market.

NU's warning follows speculation this week that it is looking to become a quoted company by spring or early summer next year. The mutual insurer spoke out in an attempt to stop speculators from taking out new policies in anticipation of a bumper payout. The trade in secondhand NU policies has been brisk for the past 12 months, as rumours of an impending

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Some of the buyers of new policies are thought to be carpet-baggers", the same opportunists who opened scores of share accounts with building societies in the hope of benefiting from a windfall payout when the society converted to being a quoted

Four societies - Halifax, Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich and Northern Rock have already announced their intention to float and their savers and borrowers can expect hundreds of pounds in

cash or shares. However, NU emphasised the difference between buying a 25-year life policy and putting £100 into a society share account. A spokeswoman said: "We sell medium to long-term policies. It is not like a building society, where there are no penalties for switching accounts. Taking out a savings policy only to cash it in after a short time can mean severe surrender penalties."

NU said the majority of its business came from independent financial advisers, which Leicester and Woolwich, all made it difficult to judge how

bagging. However, dealers in the second-hand endowment contract market report increasing demand for NU

Should NU float, other mutual insurers are likely to follow suit. The float would allow NU to raise fresh capiial. Analysis estimate the company created could be worth between £3 and £4 billion.

Norwich Union's three mitlion policyholders would benefit from cash paid in to their policies in the form of an extra bonus or they might get shares in the floated company.

There has been some speculation that the bonus could be worth up to £700 for each policyholder. However, this is

Taking out a savings policy only to cash it in after a short time can mean severe surrender penalties

by no means guaranteed. Unlike building society takeovers or flotations, Department of Trade and Industry regulations do not allow cash to be paid directly to policyholders. another factor which will weigh heavily against the

The NU flotation would set a precedent for the rest of the mutual life insurance sector, in the same way that Abbey National's ilotation did for the building society sector six years ago. When Abbey floated, the biggest building societies, including Halifax, National & Provincial, Alliance & repeatedly emphasised their commitment to mutual status. All are now floating or being taken over.

John Jenkins, a leading actuary with KPMG, believes that many life insurers are considering abandoning their mutual status either through

merging or through flotation. Those that will be most vulnerable will be companies which have low free asset ratios. A lower than average ratio curtails the investment freedom of the company. Mumals may also want to float because, like Norwich Union, they are looking at ways of raising capital to fund expansion in an increasingly competitive market dominated by

Mr Jenkins said: "All the mutuals, with the exception of the strongest, must be looking at flotation. There are too many life insurance companies in the market."

Some rationalisation has already begun: Provident Mutual was taken over by General Accident last year and Clerical Medical is currently being taken over by Halifax. Clerical Medical was a keen

roponent of mutuality, but had to look for a buyer because of its falling free-asset ratio. It effectively put itself up for auction; there were five bidders, which indicates that there were four disappointed potential owners.

Policyholders earned an average of £1,000 extra bonus in the takeover. Provident Mutual policyholders got only £100

Policyholders with some non-mutual companies may also be in for an unexpected

Prudential, Refuge and Britannic are all thought to be planning a redistribution of the surplus "orphan" assets in their life funds to shareholders and policyholders.



Different world: many policies were taken out years ago when the old values of mutuality were much stronger

### Checks to start on N&P accounts

Tomorrow will be the final reckoning day for National & Provincial's 1.4 million members. At midnight N&Ps computers will start checking savings and mortgage balances and calculating the size of bonus payouts before the takeover by Abbey Nat-ional on Monday. But N&P is bracing

itself for a continuing flood of claims from members who believe they have been unjustly deprived of bonuses because they were given wrong information by branch staff or because of administrative errors.

The society's computers will be checking that. in the case of savings, an account is still open and contains a balance of at least £100, and that, in the case of a mortgage, it

still exists.
Savers of less than two years' standing, and borrowers, will receive a fixed payout of £500 of Abbey National shares. Savers of more than two years' standing will get E750 plus a variable payout of 7 per cent of their account up to a maximum of £3,500.

Non-voting members under 18 or with less than £100 in their account will receive a statutory cash bonus of 9 per cent of their balance. The society's informa-

tion office can be reached on 0800 446600.

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# Mutuals defend position

riends Provident, Scottish Amicable, NPI and Scottish Life head the list of mutuals which have been suggested as candidates for demutualisation or are suspected takeover targets.

Friends Provident was in talks with the Prudential about a takeover, but is keen to maintain its independence. Michael Doerr, chief executive, said: "We have not sought to be acquired by anyone. We have been mutual for 170 years and although we cannot say we will always be mutual we do not see any reason at present to change. We believe in remaining independent.

He wants to acquire smaller rivals and concedes a merger with another mutual is

Scottish Amicable is considering all options for its future - which could include a float - while NPI is believed to have considered merging with Clerical Medical.

The latter has now been taken over by the Halifax, which leaves NPI looking for another. partner. Even the UK's biggest mutuals which include Standard Life, Scottish Widows and Equitable Life, may have to consider demutualisation - although all three pledge

undying commitment to mutuality. A spokesman for Scottish Widows said: "Companies that float are trying to raise initial capital in the marketplace. We are one of the best in terms of financial strength." Widows' mutuality did not stop it competing effectively with proprietary companies, he added. "We are in the process of cutting our costs by up to one third to be more

Standard Life. Europe's biggest mutual life insurer with £200 billion assets, is vehemently pro-mutual. Jain Lumsden, group finance director, said: "We have no plans to change our status. We have managed to outperform many of the proprietary companies and see no reason why we cannot continue to do so."

quitable Life said: "We have no plans to change from being a mutual." Equitable
Life manages about £16.6 billion on behalf of 500,000 policyholders. Some believe the Co-operative Insurance Society will float but it denies this. "We have absolutely no plans to demutualise," it said. A spokesman said: "We are dismayed by the idea of demutualisation. It means giving up the profits built up by previous generations of policyholders."

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Co-operative Insurance SocyEquitable Life Norwich Union Scottish Widows Standard Life . Sun Life of Canada

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# Reporting in brief

Tans of summary financial statements are on the warpath. They want to recruit more companies to foist this curiosity of privatisation on small investors in lieu of annual accounts. Surprisingly, shareholders may in the end benefit from the attempt.

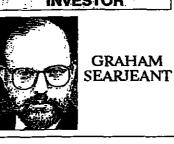
In 1990, the Government allowed companies to offer shareholders only a summary balance sheet, profit and loss account and abbreviated directors report. It aimed to help out privatised companies landed with huge registers of tiny shareholdings. The summary financial statement (SFS) was touted as a better, simpler way to communicate, but was motivated chiefly by a desire to save money. It has not been a huge success. Those who adopted summary finan-

cial statements claim they are extremely popular, with 90 per cent of investors choosing them. In reality, summary accounts were usually subject to a passive selling exercise so the figures mean only that few investors send in a form demanding a full annual report. Little more than 30 companies have taken up the option, including only 15

that were not privatised in mass sales. Many boards reckoned that having to produce two glossy sets of accounts was a hassle and unlikely to cut costs. Others dislike the idea of treating small shareholders as second-class citizens.

Last week, however, the Institute of Chartered Accountants launched a canipaign to make SFSs more popular. Much of the debate is still about saving money, now that the Government has made passive selling even easier. SFSs are reckoned to be cost effective for





scores of companies with more than 60,000 shareholders. But there is also a strong positive element.

David Allvey, chairman of the working party responsible, is a genuine enthusiast. He is finance director of BAT Industries, whose accounts are made long and complex by being part manufacturer, part insurance company. BAT and former subsidiaries Argos and Arjo Wiggins Appleton make up three of the 15 mainstream issuers. His report suggests how the SFS formula can be used to make a report that interested investors can understand and is far superior to the statutory minimum.

If the summary becomes central to the "main" annual report, statutory accounts with all the trimmings can be relegated to a separate super-dry volume for those who want or need it. In America, much redious repetitive detail is confined to statutory filings.

Using the lax government formula to experiment can be healthy. Sooner special offers for shareholders.

rather than later, rules need to be laid down for better SRFs if they are to become a major conduit for companies

to report to private shareholders The Accounting Standards Board should give priority to devising a simpler set of accounts good enough to give shareholders a true and fair view. The SFS will certainly need to be updated to take account of the board's reforms. It should include a five-year record, simple cashflow statement, earnings and cashflow per share and other simple ratios that any professional can put up on a personal computer.

A single paragraph should tell investors whether the company complies fully with accounting standards, Cadbury. Greenbury and like codes, making departures stick out. A similarly brief but more meaningful report from auditors would be welcome. And matters of controversy among ordinary investors, such as board pay or contracts in which directors have an interest. should be covered in large print.

ccepted ways are needed to present SFSs too. Tabloid newsnapers may be fun; A4 magazinesize booklets are easier to file in one's desk. As Mr Allvey's report suggests, "simplified" reports are already growing fat with self-justifying verbiage. A voluntary limit on the number of pages needed to get the board's message across would be a boon. If the board needs four pages to justify an executive bonus scheme, it should abandon it. The extra space could then be devoted to welcome Jody Brettkelly explains why people who have never before been in the red are now suddenly having to struggle with debt problems

# Debt worries haunt the middle class

ebt is a dirty word, conjuring up images of bailiffs and grinding poverty, yet an increasing number of middle-class families are now struggling to escape it. Battered by negative equity, huge

job cuts and rising prices, one in seven British families have fallen into debt. National Debtline, the counselling service, has reported a 60 per cent rise in calls in the last six months and in cities such as Bradford more than one in six households have County Court judgments (CCJ) outstanding.

Many people try to sort out their

financial problems by taking out "just one extra loan", but that often leads to court action and mounting bank charges. To make matters worse, tax burdens weigh heavily on families. A report published this week has found that you have to choose between a decent standard of living or having bachelor, in spite of the married man's £1.790 tax allowance.

But the biggest problem is easy credit. Offers of quick loans, cheap loans, pay-later loans, credit cards. store cards and catalogues abound.

Most people get into debt. not because they buy a luxury yacht or a huge home but because they take out loans for everyday living. People who have never before been in the red are now struggling with debt problems. Frances Walker, of the Consumer Credit Counselling Service, the advice agency, said: "It's usually triggered by an event some have had working hours cut, an unexpected pregnancy or have been made redundant.

Sophie Brookes-Hinds of National Debiline added: "The problems don't end when people find a job, after that they are forever playing catch-up."

lem, many people bury their heads in the sand, refusing to answer the phone or open letters. But denying debts is the worst thing you can do. Many people end up with a CCJ against them because they are afraid to go to court. If they go and offer to pay even a small amount per month, they can

athie Clark of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) said: "Lots of people don't admit the extent of the problem. That contributes to their worries by making them stressed." A free debt counsellor in one of the many organisations in the UK will not judge you. They will help to draw up a list of your debts, look at whether you are missing out on tax allowances, housing benefits, family credit payments and council tax rebates. They will write to creditors for

even sometimes reduce the debt before setting up a payment schedule.

Ms Clark said most creditors are understanding if they know about your plight: "They want to see you are making an effort." A last resort is bankruptcy. It is now easier to declare yourself bankrupt and costs £276 or £46 if you are on benefits. But remember that though bankruptcy ipes the debt slate clean and may be a solution if your debts are overwhelming, credit agencies will keep a note of it for 15 years. This will hinder your chances at starting up a business or getting credit again.

National Debtline: 0121 359 8501 CAB: find nearest money advice unit via the telephone book Consumer Credit Counselling Ser-Credit Action: 0800 591 084



Light at the end of the debt tunnel: Kim Lieversley and Jason Gilder sought professional help

# Couple's troubles doubled by conman

When Sandra Ward and Paul Clarke met six years ago they were both living the good life with no money worries. Neither imagined they would be struggling with a debt of £15,000 and

court action. Problems started for the Huddersfield couple in 1993 when Sandra's ex-husband stopped paying maintenance for their two daughters, now aged II and 14.

The payments — £250 a month — represented a fifth of their income at the time because Paul had decided to wind up his electronic engineering business, a procedure that cost more than he thought

They had agreed that Sandra, a secretary, would take a two-year HND in computing at university for which she received a grant of £200 a month. The mortgage for their four-

bedroom home was £500 a month including a home improvement loan. Their debts rose to £15,000 including £4,000 on two credit cards.

Sandra, 43, said: "The hardest thing was to admit it. Just dealing with the constant let-ters was exhausting." After considering several debt agencies they consulted a man who advertised in their local

They agreed he would pick up a cheque for £350 once a month and distribute it to their creditors after he had taken a fee of 10 per cent. But three months later they could not contact him and no-one had been paid.

They were unable to recover the £1.050 they paid him and. because of the delay, Paul received two CCIs. As a result. he has been unable to get a cheque account from a bank and has found it difficult to get a mortgage.

Over the last three years

they have got their debt down to £3,000 but Sandra says she still gets nasty calls that reduce her to tears. On one of the store cards they have paid £900 on a £600 debt and still have £200 to pay. Both are now working and

earn £32,000 gross per year. They sold their home but just broke even. Mr Clarke said: "I see the future as rosy now, but it's been a long hard struggle." JOHN ANGERSON/GUZELIAN

# Credit counsellor eased blues after a new baby months ago they put them-

K im Lieversley and Jason Gilder were delighted when their daughter Charlotte was born. They had both worked overtime to save £1.000 to make sure they didn't have to borrow money for Charlotte's layette. Kim, 37, a sales assistant, planned to take three months off work.

But in spite of their nest egg, the Nottingham couple fell into debt. Jason, 31, was bringing home £750 a month from his maintenance job in a supermarket. Out of that they had to pay the mortgage of £224 a month on their onebedroom house, £150 a month on the loan for their Ford Escort car, food and clothing and school uniform for Rebec-Kim's eight-year-old

I just don't know where it went" said Jason. "We advice of their bank, three

this was just everyday living. When the car broke down it was disaster."

He took out a £1.500 loan from his union and his overdraft crept up to close to £\$45 a month. The bank sent them ten letters about their overdraft or informing them of a bounced cheque. Each letter cost them a further £25.

For several months Jason kept their money problems from Kim: "She had just had the baby, everyone was happy. I didn't want to ruin things."

He says now that was the worst thing he could have done. "I didn't want to open the mail, or answer the phone. I just got very grumpy and tired. Kim would try and find out what was wrong and I would storm out." On the

selves in the hands of the Credit Counselling Service. an organisation set up by financial institutions that negotiates with creditors and takes a fee from the creditors of 15 per cent of the debt.

Among other things, Kim and Jason swapped their Switch card for just a hole in the wall card and cut their food bill by £150 a month to £30 a week. The CCS has handled all problems including a letter from the car company threatening to take them to court and a letter from Norweb when they were not able to pay the £300 on their new washing machine.

Mr Gilder said: "We both feel a lot better. Of course it's very hard, we never go out, but there is light at the end of the

### Bank loan blights family year ago Mr Moore, now a

Interest and fees on Pat and Peter Moore's £31,000 debt swelled it to £55,000 in five years

Pat and Peter Moore saw their combined overdrafts of E31,000 rise to E55,000 through bank charges and interest. The debt has affected the health of the couple, who live in Camberley, Surrey, and nearly swallowed their home.

In 1990 Peter Moore, 62, had nersonal and business overdrafts totalling £17,000 with Barclays after his business supplying fresh fruit juice to airlines closed down. In addition he and his wife had a joint personal overdraft of £3,000. In 1991 the total overdraft was £31,000 after the bank combin-

ed all their overdrafts, about which Mr Moore was very unhappy. The overdraft rose steadily and he tried to settle. A

postal clerk, realised the total loan was secured on his home because of a document signed previously which said all loans would be secured on the house. A week ago the bank threatened to take possession of their E125,000 detached home which

has only a £16,000 mortgage The Moores' daughters came to the rescue so they could remortgage and pay off the debt. Janice, 30, a nanny, put in the £15,000 she and her boyfriend had saved in the last six years and took out a personal loan of

Mr Moore said: "Only the sanity and discipline of working has saved us. Things have been so bleak and desperate."

They are now seeking help from Safe (Struggle Against Financial Exploitation, 0171 636 6601), a pressure group.

Barclays said: "We wrote to

Mr Moore every month letting him know what the situation was. We were constantly in touch and in 1993 we offered to settle for less than the debt. The interest rate was always fair. We waited a year after the court case before issuing proceedings for possession of the house. If people find themselves in this situation they must contact the bank as early as possible and try to reach a solution which is acceptable to both parties. We always try to take the customer's circumstances into



Sandra Ward and Paul Clarke had to sell their home

#### HOW TO AVOID DEBT

- You want more credit. Can you afford it if you lose your job or have a baby?
- Take out payment protection for all loans in case of redundancy or sickness.
- Use credit and store cards less often.
- Do not take out any loans that are
- secured on your house. ■ Pay as many bills as possible with
- Find out when your monthly mortgage payment is credited: it could be annually.
- Don't start ambitious savings plans before you clear your high interest debts.
- Avoid buying by catalogue.

standing orders or direct debits.

#### ESCAPE THE DEBT TRAP

- Compare your spending and income. You must be totally truthful with yourself.
- Don't take out one big loan to pay off all your other debts.
- Set a budget with a counsellor's help.
- Get the counsellor to look at both your current tax code and your tax allowances.
- Pay mortgage and debts that could lead to a prison term.
- Tell your creditors about your circumstances and get interest frozen.
- Look at taking in a lodger or moving to a smaller house.

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Pay utility bills monthly.

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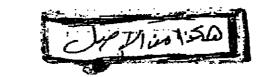
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# Financial step forward for ballet

Changes in tax allowances have brought relief to dancers on

low wages, says Jody Brettkelly

s Sally Gunnell's collapse on the Olympic track in Atlanta has shown, athletes who make constant demands on their ankles, feet and legs are prone

to recurring injuries.
Royal Ballet dancers have similar problems. The relentless stresses on their toe and knee joints mean that they are forced to spend up to £4,000 every year on massage and osteopathic treatment as well as spending large sums on rehearsal gear, taxis and stage

The expenses make a huge dent in their take-home wages of around £800 a month and for two years the 150 dancers in the Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet in Covent Garden, London, have campaigned to be able to make work-related expenses tax-de-

Now the Inland Revenue is allowing the dancers to backdate their new tax allowance to 1990 which will amount to a potential tax refund of up to £1,000 for each dancer. In March this year the

Inland Revenue agreed to allow £860 worth of expenses a year for dancers.

It has agreed to raise the allowance and is permitting

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allowances to be backdated six years. The dancers are obviously delighted with the move, and say it will make a large difference to their budgets.

Lee Fisher, a dancer with the Birmingham Royal Ballet, says: "Our jobs are a labour of love because we are not paid that much. Our expenses really ate into the money we earned and it's nice to have that recognised by the Inland

Their accountant, who spearheaded the campaign, Chris Ellard of Neville Ellard, the Surrey firm, says: "This is not a tax rebate for the elite. Just remember how little these people are paid."

The dancers' problems started six years ago when the Revenue ruled that dancers and actors could no longer be classed as self-employed and had to be taxed under pay-as-you-earn rules. This meant they could not claim expenses.

A group of actors led by Alec MaGowan and Sam West took this ruling to court. As a result, some actors were allowed to retain their selfemployed status. However the court ruling did not apply to



Foot scored: Karina Hernandez, one of the Birmingham Royal Ballet artistes who have won a test case for tax relief



As the housing market picks up, home loans are changing

# Recovery inspires lenders to end special mortgage deals

enders are reducing cashbacks, discounts and other special mort-ing, in a bid to restore the market to normal" as signs of recovery continue.

The Halifax Building Society and Abbey National, the two largest lenders, announced this week they were cutting cashback offers to borrowers remortgaging. Abbey is also planning to cut down on fixed-rate and discount offers. It is calling on others to follow its lead and move back towards simple variable rate loans as buyers return to the market.

During the housing slump, lenders desperately tried to tempt buyers back with offers of discounts, free legal fees and valuations and cash payments or cashbacks sometimes reaching into thousands of pounds. Borrowers who did not to move were offered specia incentives to remortgage and lenders shamelessly poached customers from their rivals. Often the deals on offer were

loss-making for lenders. Now they are

From September, Abbey borrowers with deposits of more than 25 per cent will qualify for a cashback of just 2 per cent of the loan, instead of the current 5 per cent, while those with deposits of between 5 per cent and 25 per cent will get l per cent. People moving house will

continue to get a 5 per cent cashback.

Charles Toner, managing director of Abbey National's retail division said: "All the indications are that the housing market is getting better, more people are moving home, confidence is returning and property prices are steady or rising ... We would like to see the very high levels of discounting and cashbacks reduced and a return to fairer pricing for all borrowers". The Abbey would infuture direct any special deals towards buyers moving house not remortgaging,

Cashbacks and discounts cost Abbey

part of Lloyds Bank, announced similar reductions in cashbacks last month for both mortgages and remortgages. The Halifax, which this week revealed a rise in house prices for July, has reduced its base mortgage rate by 0.25 per cent to 7.74 per cent and is cutting cashbacks. Mike Blackburn, chief executive, said this was to allow existing borrowers to benefit from lower rates. Last year Halifax withdrew cashbacks but was forced to

restore them to compete. The Council of Mortgage Lenders said remortgages already accounted for a smaller proportion of new business than at the end of last year, when 27 per cent of loans were for remortgaging. Peter Williams of the CML said: "The market is ever more exhausted and customers are aware that there are special deals but

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# Reality returns to the mortgage merry-go-round

There is no such thing as a free lunch — unless of course you are a mortgage customer. Over the past few years thousands of homeowners have been dining out hand-somely at the expense of banks and building societies, which. desperate for their business in the depths of a housing market slump, have been offering up to £9,000 in cashback mortgages. These customers have not even needed to move home to enjoy the goods — they have needed only to threaten their lender that they intended to leave, and held out their hand for the readies. First-time buyers have had an even better deal, being able to pick and choose discounts and cash incentives and play one society off against another.

So it was with a barely-concealed sigh of relief this week that leading building societies announced they were reducing the number of such mortgages on offer. The housing market was looking perky, they said, and it was time to pass on benefits to the members, rather than to try to poach customers from rivals. On the pretext of wanting to return to a "normal" housing and mortgage market, the bigger lenders can now save millions of pounds by offering ordinary variable rates without looking mean.

Their thrift will also please the Bank of England, which has called on lenders to be more vigilant in enforcing credit standards. It is concerned that with too many mortgage pro-viders chasing a finite amount of business, lenders might start accepting unsuitable borrowers.

The Bank has a long memory and can recall the problems of the 1980s, when in the heady days of the housing boom, some lenders adopted a laissez-faire attitude to credit-checking. Now demand for mortgages is rising competition is fierce, and banks and building societies have millions of pounds sloshing around in their reserves that they want to lend. Very little money is flowing out because savers want to stick around lest they lose the chance of a windfall bonus.

We are at that cross-roads once again, when lenders have to choose between making a quick profit in the short-term by accepting anyone and everyone who wants to borrow money, and suffering later, or carefully selecting good long-term customers. Let's hope the industry shows a little more collective restraint than it did first time around.

#### A sell-off too far

The novice investors who bought into the Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) have learnt the hard way that the stock market can be both capricious and cruel. Many were Sids - the archetypal small shareholder who enjoyed the healthy returns that the first tranche of privatisation shares provided. Here was a trust, it seemed, where riches were guaranteed. It was not to be: the Kepit flotation in 1994 pulled in a record £800 million, but shares have consistently traded below the 100p launch price.

The net asset value, the underlying worth of the fund, has risen to just under 103p, a pitiful rise in two and a half years. Kepit's managers proposed to buy back more than half the shares in an attempt to match supply more closely to demand. But an ailing trust is never safe from predators, and a rival trust, TR European Growth Trust (Treg) pounced with a proposal to liquidate Kepit Kepit's managers yesterday improved the proposal — offering to turn Kepit into a unit trust to try to eliminate the discount. Other predators are likely to be waiting in the wings. Kepit shareholders should sit tight and see what else is offered.

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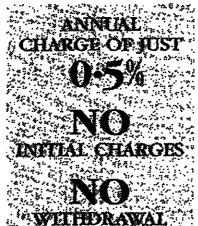
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Karen Zagor on prospects for an oil giant sold little by little

1992. May 1994 saw the first

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During the Eighties, the North

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What is expected of BP?

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# BP running smoothly after a rocky road



ntil the recent British Energy share furore, British Petroleum had the dubious distinction of being the only big privatisation stock to sink below its issue price in the first days of trading. BP's black day came in Oct-

ober 1987, when the fourth and biggest tranche of its share issue coincided with one of the most dramatic stock market crashes of the century. Now, however, with the shares healthily out-performing the FT-SE All-share index, there is little reason for investors to be fearful when the company reports mid-year earnings on Tuesday. BP has recently met or exceeded its performance targets, and the trend is expected to continue. Shareholders will be looking for further increases in the dividend, yet to catch up with the company's financiai recovery.

#### How have the shares fared?

Investors paid the equivalent of 70.4p when the first tranche of BP shares was sold in 1977. The second slice, in 1979, sold at 121p, and the third, in 1983. for 145p. They have all done well. It was the final sale, priced at 330p at the height of the Thatcher privatisation binge in 1987, that suffered most from the stock market crash. It took the shares al-most three years to climb back to above their offer level.

The shares stumbled again in 1992, when a boardroom

putsch led to the resignation of Robert Horton (now chairman of Railtrack) as chairman and chief executive. As institutional investors piled out of the company, the shares sank to 185p. In May this year, they hit a high of 592p. Since then, they have maintained respectable. if lower, levels. At about 586p. all privatisation investors will

Why were BP shares sold in so many stages?

have made a decent profit.

BP has actually always been a quoted company, but, at one time, the Government held a big stake. The initial share sale. under a Labour Government, was not a Tory-style privatisation but the sale of a fraction of the shares to raise some money for the Government. The next two sales were similar, and it was not until 1987 that a sizeable chunk of shares was marketed to the public.

The final sale set the scene for BP's problems in subsequent years. Because of the market crash, very few private investors bought the shares. Instead, the Kuwaiti Government took the opportunity to buy a big stake — about 20 per cent. Because of potential political ramifications, BP was later obliged to buy back about 10 per cent of the shares.

How high are the dividends?

During the dark days of the early Nineties, BP's dividend was halved and then frozen in

too much debt. The borrowing burden of buying back its shares also contributed to BP's

The company has come far since 1992. Its productivity has risen dramatically, helping it to meet its financial targets. BP is once again concentrating on its core oil, gas and petrochemicals operations. Proceeds from selling non-core assets have reduced debt. A sustained debtcutting programme has helped the balance sheet - debt carries high interest rates, so the lower the debt, the lower the interest payment burden. Profits

firmer oil prices. The recent announcement of a novel alliance between BP and Mobil. now awaiting EU approval, should also help the company cut costs and compete more aggressively.

BP plans to increase its income by \$1.5 billion to \$4.5 billion a year by the end of the century. Earnings growth is projected at 8 per cent a year. with capital spending rising by 4 per cent a year. Analysis expect BP to meet its targets, both because of its renewed strength and because it has used realistic prices, margins and inflation forecasts to set its targets...



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# Hope in sight at Kleinwort trust

n a surprise move this week, TR European Growth Trust (Treg) announced a near-£500 million bid for Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit). The move sparked a swift counter-proposal from Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, Kepit's manager, which yesterday afternoon put forward plans to unitise Kepit — that is. change it from an investment trust into a unit trust. By doing so, it hopes to increase value to shareholders.

The dramatic announcement is being seen in the City as a last-minute bid to prevent Treg liquidating the whole trust. Kepit managers said yesterday they were seeking an adjournment of the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for Tuesday, at which shareholders were being asked to vote on Kepit's earlier proposal to buy back 60 per cent of its own shares. Both of the Kepit proposals aim to narrow the difference between the value of the trust, known as the net asset value (NAV) and the

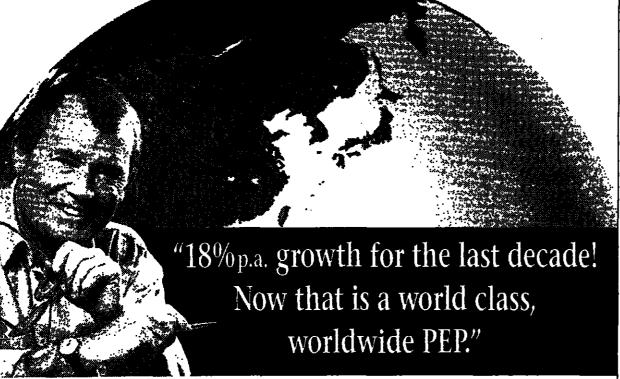
price at which the shares have been trading. Since the launch of the trust, they have consistently traded below the NAV, ie, at a discount. The 77,000 Kepit shareholders now have to choose between the new offer from Kepit, Treg, or perhaps another City fund manager who wants to liquidate the trust and who may make a bid within the next week. Analysts believe Treg's offer will flush out rival bidders who find the prospect of getting their hands on the Kepit funds extremely attractive.

The Kepit flotation in 1994 pulled in a record £800 million from investors who

were buoyed up by successful UK privatisations and hoped for similar rich pickings in Europe. The result was a disappointment - European privatisations never offered the easy UK-style profits. The shares are currently priced at about 92½p after rising slightly on the announcement.

Treg is offering roughly 93.86p per Kepit share in cash and 28.16p per warrant, although the final offer depends on market price and expenses on the day the bid is completed. Treg has conceded that Kepit's shareholders have to accept the offer without knowing exactly what they will get for their shares. At July 29 Kepit's NAV was 102.9p. Treg is offering the equivalent of a NAV of 94.6p.

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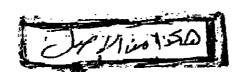
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Pensions may be shared on

divorce, if plans become

law, says **Sara** 

McConnell

ivorced women will for the first time be able to insist on an immediate share of their former husband's pension as part of a divorce settlement if government proposals pub-ished this week become law.

But they will not necessarily be able to take the pension and invest it for their own retirement. Some will have to leave the money invested in their former husband's scheme even after the divorce is final.

They will also have to wait at least four years before any changes to present rules are implemented because the Government's computer systems will have to be upgraded to handle new records. So what has the Government proposed and how will it affect you if you are getting divorced? Here are some answers.

Will men be able to get a share of their former wife's pension if she is the one with the larger pension?

Yes, the proposals will apply equally to both sexes. But more women than men find themselves without pension provision when they divorce, either because they have stayed at home to bring up a family or because they worked in part-time or low-paid jobs which excluded them from company schemes and were not enough to build up a personal pension. It was concern for the plight of women in this position that finally resulted in these proposals to split pensions.

Why haven't pensions ever been split before?

Divorce courts have nev-er had the power to order an actual split of the pension. . They can and do take pensions out divorce settlements but the value of the pension is normally set against other assets like the family home. The problem with this is that many women in particular who have been counting on their husband's pension find themselves with little or no retirement income.

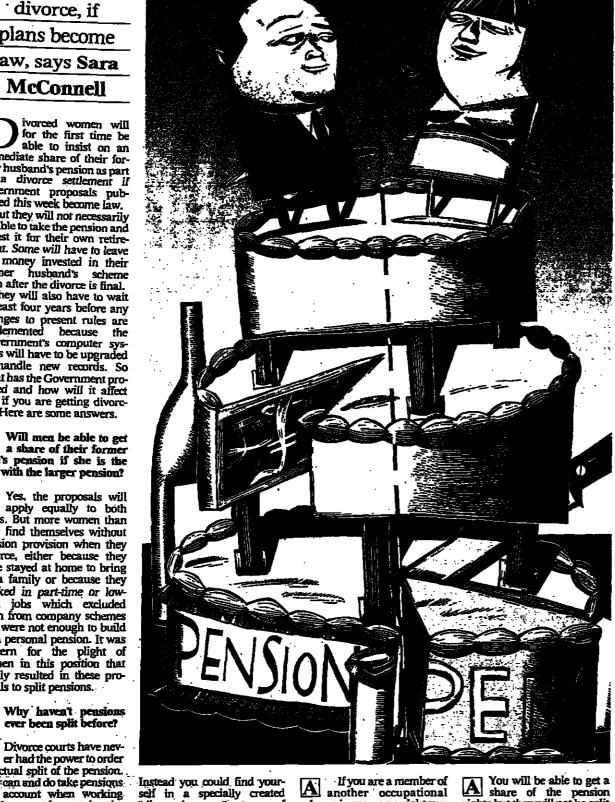
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So if I divorce in future. will I definitely get a share of my ex-spouse's pen-

This is the intention. But A unfortunately it is not as simple as just taking a pension and splitting it down the middle. It has to be valued. Then it is a matter of what happens to it after it has been split. Under the Government's proposals, this will depend on what sort of scheme the money

is in before the divorce. If your former spouse works for a private-sector employer that invests pension contributions for its employees, you may be able to transfer your share out of the scheme, if the employer agrees. If it refuses, you must leave your share frozen in the scheme. You will not be able to add to it because you are not an employee.



"divorced spouse" category of membership. It is not yet clear what rights, if any, you would have. Again, it is up to the employer to decide if it wants to insist on this rather than -allowing you to transfer. ·

You will almost certainly have to leave your share in the scheme if your former spouse works in the public sector or as a civil servant. The Government is adamant that it would cost taxpayers too much to allow transfers of funds out of these schemes. This is because contributions are not invested but go immediately to pay benefits for today's pensioners.

But isn't uns a village fair, not having a But isn't this a bit un-

It is difficult to judge A lt is unicon because no-one knows how the new membership category for the divorced will work. You may actually benefit from remaining within a public-sector scheme as these are some of the most generous.

What would I do with the money if I were allowed to transfer?

scheme in your own right you could try transferring your share to your own pension. Alternatively you could transfer it to a personal pension, or start a personal pension with the money.

If you are not earning, you cannot contribute to a pension, but you could use the money to buy a deferred annuity, which will pay you a regular guaranteed income when you retire.

If you are working but are not allowed to transfer, you can still continue to contribute to your own pension while leaving your share of your divorced spouse's pension frozen, as long as you do not exceed Inland Revenue limits on contributions or benefits.

So when is all this going Q to happen?

Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, the junior Social Security Minister, said this week it will be at least four years before anything hap-pens, even if the proposals turn into legislation next year.

What happens if I di-What nappen vorce in the meantime?

rights but they will not be split on divorce. Instead a share will be "earmarked" for you. If your former spouse dies before you, you will get nothing as the pension dies too.

Unfortunately you will not be able to swap to a proper pension-splitting arrangement if the new rules come in while your divorce is going



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ready been waiting more than two years for their benefits learnt this week that most of them face a further wait until at least the end of next year and in some

cases one end of the century.

The 79,000 members are in 4,900 schemes, many of which are being wound up after the collapse of small employers. But concern is growing over continuing administrative delays and refusal of some of the trustees of schemes to co-operate in the winding up process so that transfer values can be calculated. The Times has repeatedly focused on the plight of the members over the past two

championed by Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman. In his annual report published this week, he reserved harsh criticism for Century Life, which man-ages the pension funds after taking them over from Crown Life three years ago. After over two years work the progress reported by Century to date can be seen in the eyes of many scheme members as extremely disappointing," he said.

Dr Farrand forecast that Century

would not achieve its goal of sorting out the majority of cases by the end of 1997 and said: "Based on progress over the last two years, I believe that some hundreds if not thousands of members might not be able to access their benefits until the end



Piggott; suffered a six-year wait

of the decade". Dr Farrand made clear he was now prepared to investigate individ-tial complaints from members of Century schemes. Previously he and Michael Platt, his predecessor, were told that doing this would create more delays but Dr Farrand has now lost patience. He is investigating a dozen individual com-plaints, mostly against former employers or trustees but one against Century. Century anguly refuted Dr Farrand's

claims. John Deane, Century's client services manager, said: The report misses the point. It takes lots of people to wind up a scheme. Up to 700 of the schemes had no trustee and Century has applied to the courts to get trustees appointed." Mr Deane said Century had no control over the timing or nature of information given to it by trustees but could not act without trustees' co-opera-tion. Century says it has already calculated benefits for 50 per cent of the schemes and is confident of being able to resolve the vast majority by the end of next year.

Bruce Piggott and his 55 fellow scheme members have already been waiting five years for their pension benefits, after Stag Microsystems, their employer, went into receivership in 1991. Mr Piggott, who was made redundant in 1990, has been waiting six years. Stag's pension was managed by Crown and the assets are now in the hands of Century. Mr Piggott neither that his own share of the now in the hands of Century. Mr Piggott estimates that his own share of the £480,000 fund is about £9,000 plus interest. For the last three and a half years he has been waging a non-stop campaign to force the trustees to calculate benefits so that Çehtury can pay them out.

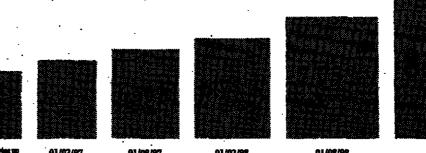
Now, on the sixth anniversary of Mr Piggott's redundancy, there is finally the prospect of a payout. Bradstocks, independent trustees for the Stag pension fund, told The Times it should have finalised calculations for payouts by the

finalised calculations for payouts by the end of this month. Terry Williams of Bradstocks blamed the delay on European legislation on equalisation of retirement benefits for men and women.

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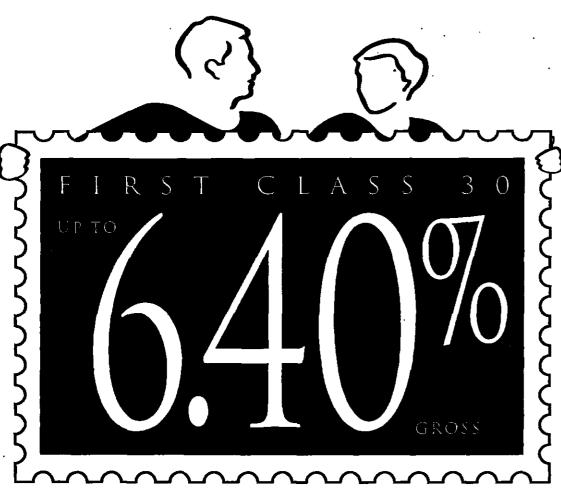
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the UK market triggered by falls on Wall Street. Most financial advisers agree that index trackers do have a role in investors' portfolios, but point out that they would be wrong to rely only on index tracking for investment

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off, in the wake of volatility in

needs. For instance, the top performing unit trust over the past 12 months has been the **HOW UNIT TRUSTS COMPARE AGAINST** ialist unit trusts that have 91.50% on the total return performance of their active market indices (Dec 31 1988 -

heap in the sum of El00 invested a year ago would now be worth El76 including charges, while El00 invested in Kleinwort Benson's UK tracking fund would be worth about £118. The former fund is almost 100 per cent invested in American technology and pharmaceutical companies - two of the best performing sectors over the last 12 months.

Tramlington Health Fund is also one of the top performing funds over five years - £100 invested five years ago would now be worth £319. Alan Gadd, HSBC managing director, said that investors should only consider investing in index funds in the more mature markets of the world such as the US and the UK. "About 85 per cent of fund managers underperform the market in the UK, compared with Europe where only about 50 per cent of fund managers underperform."

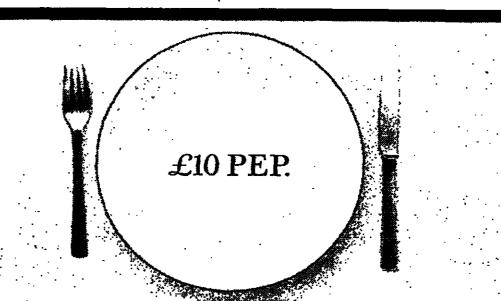
Mr Gadd pointed out, for example, that buying an index-tracking fund which invested in the Japanese market could automatically result in under performance. The Japanese index is heavily weighted towards the financial companies including the banks and insurance companies.

It is this sector that has been hit the most by the country's five-year recession. The funds that have most outperformed the index are those with a small exposure to financial

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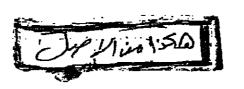
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How share ownership risks compare in America and the UK

# Sids are out of their depth

fter seeing the value of their shares in British Energy drop by 10 per cent in the first hours of trading, small investors have been given a hard reminder of the

A investors have been given a hard reminuer of the vagaries of the stock market.

The shares climbed this week to about 100p, equivalent to the original offer price, but way short of the gains investors had hoped for. While privatisations have come to the UK market at regular intervals, the number of people actually holding shares has declined. The peak of share ownership was in 1901, when It million people were shareholders, now was in 1991, when II million people were shareholders; now

there are nine million.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, director of Barclays Stockbrokers, believes British Energy was a turning point. "British Energy and Railtrack were not the sort of issue that Sid, the

Energy and Kailtrack were not the sort of issue that Sid, the archetypal small investor, should have gone for. The market is polarising. Sids are returning to building societies, leaving equities to sophisticated investors."

However, the impending flotation of the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester building societies and Abbey National's takeover of N&P will bring an extra nine million shareholders into what some regard as an increasingly hostile environment. increasingly hostile environment.

Since January, new issues worth more than £50 million are no longer offered automatically to the public, and the advent of Crest; the paperless share-dealing system, means investors will pay more to be sent share certificates rather than hold nominee accounts with stockbroking firms.

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Below, Weekend Money examines how small investors fare in America, and looks at new ways of encouraging wider share ownership.

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or employ a private information in the US.

Charles Schwab, one of the biggest US discount brokers, is not unique in the range of services it offers small investors. As soon as an investor opens a Schwab account, he or she has access to a registered representative, usually a broker, by telephone, 24 hours a day. The broker will be able to tell the investor how a share or portfolio is performing and why. The representative can also answer questions about customer accounts.

Tom Hendrickson, head of business development in the UK, says: "This service is very popular in the US. If a client. can't make sense of something there is always someone there who will explain things."

Schwab also offers a research on request service for history on a company. The basic charge is \$3, but customers can buy pre-paid units of research, with prices as low as \$1.50 each when 100 units are bought. The unit includes earnings history and news panies from Schwab's redepartment using sources such as Reuters, Bloomberg and Dow Jones. Investors then have to digest the information without thehelp of a traditional broker. Schwab will not advise investors whether to buy or sell.

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Schwab also has a telebroker service, where customers use a touchtone telephone to trade and receive a 10 per cent discount for their efforts. Schwab also has port-

that allows investors to monitor their portfolios and to save 10 per cent on commission. They can also create portfolios of shares they do not own but want to follow. The software gives access to stock quotes and information from the Dow Jones news wire service. The company also has an email trading base and web trading available in the US through the Internet.

In fact, there are many web sites in the US dedicated to the private investor that offer access to relatively inexpensive research. Schwab, like other discount brokers, acts as a custodian for the investor. In the US, unlike the UK, the custodian is obliged to pass on all company information to investors. Customers have the same benefits they would get if the shares were held in their own name and they do not have to pay extra for the

When it comes to costs, US investors also come out ahead. Most discount brokers offer mutual funds, the equivalent of unit or investment trusts. with no extra charges on brokers make money by receiving a share of the fund's annual fee. Even trading fees are comparatively low. Schwab says a typical trade of 100 shares at £75 a share

would incur fees of £55. Any money that goes into a Schwab account automatically goes into a money market account, earning 4.79 per cent, for a basic brokerage account,

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# 'Give investors a break'

hould investors be encouraged to buy shares with tax breaks? Some stockbrokers believe they should be rewarded in the same way as people with personal pensions and be given tax relief at their

highest rate. People who put their shares into personal equity plans (Peps) get tax-free in-come. In addition, all investors are allowed to make a tax-free capital gain of up to £6,300 each year. However, they do not get tax breaks on their contributions towards

the funds in the Pep. ProShare, which lobbies for greater direct equity investment, contrasts the upfront tax advantages offered by a pension fund with the

lack of tax relief in building a share portfolio:

Stuart Valentine, ProShare research director, says risktakers in equities should be rewarded with lower rates of tax on their equities. He favours separating capital gains tax (CGT) rates from. income tax rates, returning to the position before 1988 when Nigel Lawson as Chancellor

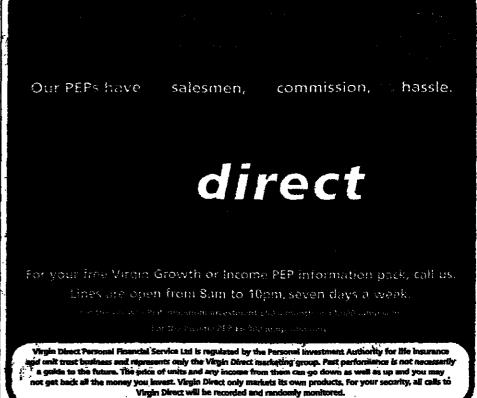
harmonised the two. Mr Valentine says: "There is no logic in taxing risk capital at the same rate as regular income - lower rates are needed to reward risk-takers."

So instead of paying CGT at the same rate as your highest rate of income tax, Mr Valentine suggests capital gains above an agreed

threshold be taxed at a flat rate. Since ordinary dividends are declared net of 20 per cent tax, he favours levying CGT at the same rate. He says: "Even 25 per cent would probably be less than the momentax rate para

by many investors." The Weinberg Committee an independent think tank, has been looking at ways to reverse the decline in small shareholdings and also suggests tax rules should be simplified. Sir Mark Weinberg, who chairs the committee, believes concerns over having to pay CGT discourage people from buying

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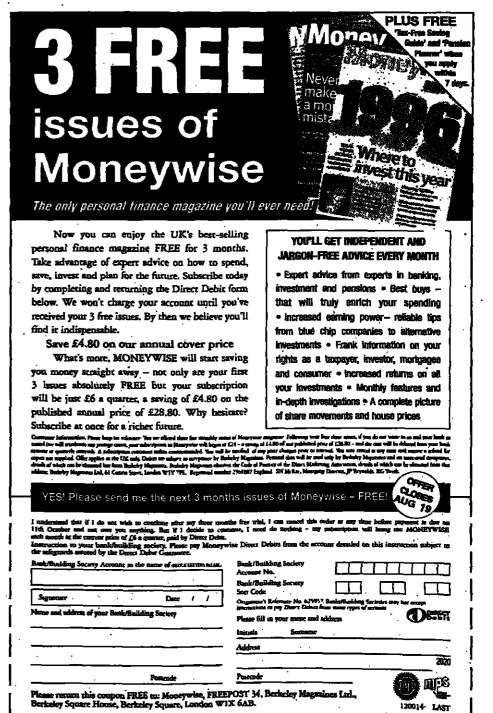


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New legislation means all boats using the British Water-ways navigations must have an annual safety check and their owners must carry up to £1 million of public liability insurance cover.

ALTHOUGH Peps are hailed as one of the most popular investments ever introduced in the UK. it is still the case that less than 5 per cent of the population are invested in them. BESt Investment believes that more people will need to take out a Pep to pay for private provision as the welfare state shrinks. It is offering a copy of its Pep magazine to readers of *The Times* who call 0171 321 0100.

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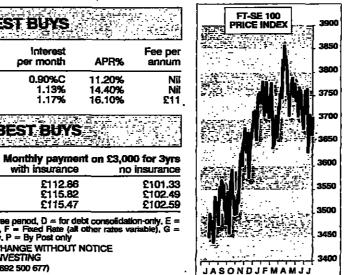
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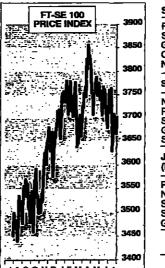
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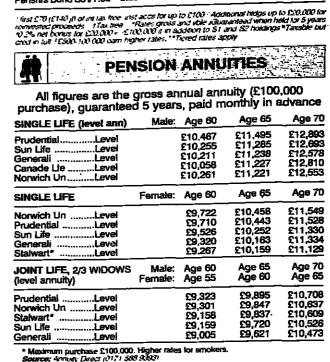


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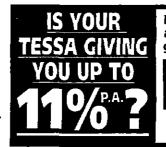


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# Fine art 'connoisseurs' pay £1bn visit to English country houses

valuables have never had insurance valuations

with unclaimed stolen works of art recovered by the police -- testament to the high levels of crime experienced by UK

Although the drive against theft in the inner cities has had an impact, theft in the shires, of antiques and paintings from country houses, is

on the increase According to the latest figures, it is estimated that paintings worth about £1 billion are stolen each year. Many owners find they do not have enough cover when they come to claim on their

A recent survey from Hiscox, a specialist in fine art insurance, found that about 53 per cent of owners of high value homes in the UK admit to having art, antiques and valuables which have either been valued for insurance purposes more than three years ago, or in the case of a third of them have not been valued at all. Fourteen per cent of those surveyed admitted carrying no insurance on their valuables. Many are discouraged by the prohibitive cost. For example, insuring £5 million of possessions could cost about £10,000 a year in

Peter Gwynn, principal security surveyor at Hiscox, said that it was impossible to say whether fine art theft was on the increase, as

release separate statistics.

He said: "There does seem to be a decrease in

theft from inner cities with more emphasis on crime in the shires." He said that in particular there had been an increase in theft of garden statuary. It is particularly difficult to ensure items in gardens are well protected.

Those who own a number of valuable items are likely to find their usual household insurer has loaded premiums because it feels the risk

closer we can underwrite it. To qualify for the policy the individual should have £50,000 of valuables and a building worth at least £100,000. Each premium rate will be set on its own merits. The risk and previous claims will come in to that. We managed to save one person £1,000 a year in premiums."

Many insurers will insist on the insured buying a comprehensive alarm system. Many will also insist on a comprehensive photo-

# A third of houseowners with art, antiques and

of claims is bigger than normal. Specialist insurers and insurance brokers claim to be able to cut insurance premiums by up to 10 per cent. The cost depends on the type of item to be insured and how susceptible it is to fire and

Terry Wilson, manager of Highline, a Norwich Union policy aimed at high net worth individuals said: "It is specifically designed for each individual client. It is a bespoke service. The more information we are given on the risk,

complete record will help the police to track down and recover stolen items because the photographs can be circulated to the international auction houses. For example, Mr Gwynn points out that there are about 20 stolen Picassos, which have simply vanished.

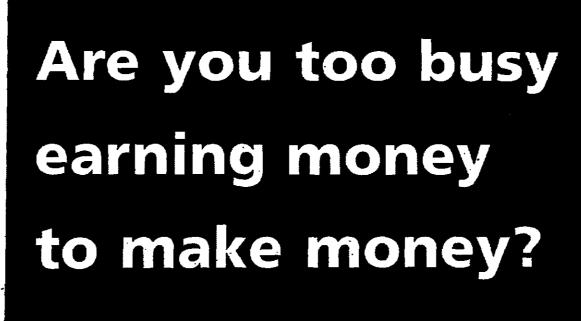
Without a photographic record, it may be very difficult to connect the stolen items to the correct owner. The Metropolitan Police has two warehouses full of stolen goods which are their way into so-called Aladdin's caves — ranges of expensive items which are publicised via the TV and press. Unclaimed items are eventually auctioned and the proceeds end up in the Treasury's coffers. The police could not say how much money was raised through this

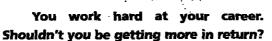
Retrieval of fine art and paintings has been considerably helped by the Art Loss Register --an international database of stolen art, antiques and valuables.

In the event of a theft, details of the stolen objects are supplied to the register by the subscribing insurance companies, loss adjusters, police, museums, art galleries and anybody who has suffered a theft. Auction houses subscribe to the register which means that the origins of items can be checked out.

From 1991 to 1995, the Art Loss Register recovered directly 700 items worth £17 million. It also managed to recover a further 3,500

associated items. Last year the register was responsible for the retrieval of a Rubens oil sketch, which was stolen from the Spanish town of La Coruña. The sketch reappeared some time later in Miami with a price tag of \$3.5 million. Customs contacted the register, found the sketch was stolen and apprehended the thieves.





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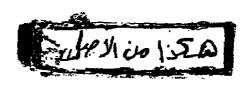
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# Coastal Bluff can benefit from luck of the draw

AFTER a glorious four days for bookmakers at Goodwood where winners have averaged (0-1, punters can seek refuge in the old adage about the bigger the field the bigger the certainty as 30 runners line-up for the Vodac Stewards' Cup this afternoon.

The annual cavalry charge may not appeal to everyone as an ideal betting medium, but a combination of the draw and a fresh strip of ground alongside the far rail could reenforce the trend in recent times which has seen most winners coming out of a high numbered stall.

A less than scientific prodding of the two metre wide strip of turf opened up for racing vesterday suggested it was faster than anywhere else down the straight course with good ground in the centre. If practice ties in with theory, the chances of at least two thirds of the field will be reduced.

With two trailblazers, Cyrano's Lad and Bold Effort, drawn in stalls 26 and 27, it looks as though the pace of the race could develop on the far side and tee up the £75,000-added race for Coastal Bluff.

David Barron's sprinter looked a horse to follow when winning from a bad draw at Ascot last autumn and that impression was confirmed when overcoming a poor draw once again at York three weeks ago to beat Tedburrow ny a head. The form of the latter race has worked out particularly well.

Admittedly both victories were over the minimum trip. but Barron is more concerned about the going than today's extra furlong for Coastal Bluff, whose best form has been on ground good or softer.

**RICHARD EVANS** 



On Goodwood's big sprint handicap

"The trip causes no problem: the six furlongs at Goodwood is as easy as you can get. We would have preferred a bit more cut but there is only one Stewards' Cup. The horse's last run has worked out well - he's gone up 2lb just standing in his box - and he is never going to get a better opportunity off this handicap

"The ground would not appear to be as fast as it was at Ascot [in the Wokingham] and judging from the times of races at Goodwood, which

FICHARD EVANS

Nap: COASTAL BLUFF (3.45 Goodwood)

Next best: Last Second (3.10 Goodwood)

Nap: CANDLE SMILE (4.00 Chester tomorrow) Next best: Irrepressible (4.50 Lingfield tomorrow) have not been particularly quick on the straight course, it is not too bad,

"I think he has got a very ood chance. From everything have seen at home he is a horse who, given any luck at all, can win a big handicap. Whether it is going to be the Stewards' Cup remains to be

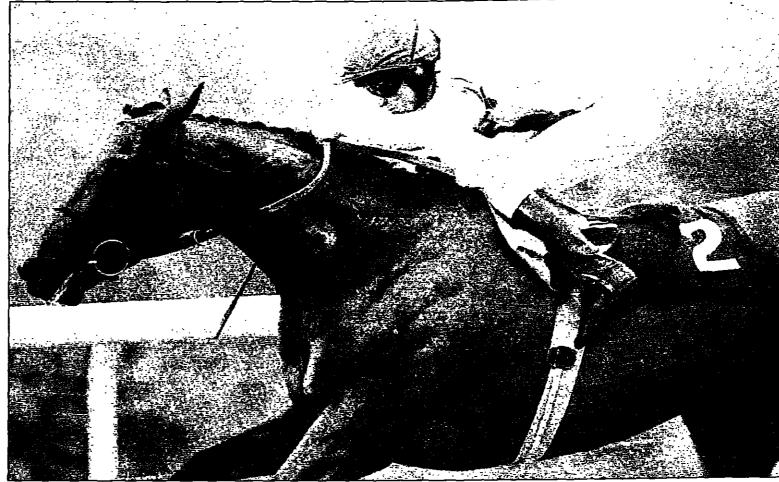
Sir Joey, drawn next to Coastal Bluff, is in the form of his life and after being first home on the disadvantageous side in the Wokingham ran equally well over the minimum trip at Chepstow. Expect the Pat Murphy-trained seven-year-old to arrive on the scene late and fast.

If my theories about the draw are wrong and the stands' side is favoured, Barron could still be in the winner's enclosure with For The Present, winner of the race two years ago, who ran his best race of the season at Newcastle a week ago. However, at around 8-1 Coastal Bluff is the choice,

Away from the gaze of the

television cameras, John Dunlop's Bahhare (2.05 Newmarket) will be a short price to confirm the excellent impression made when making a winning debut over course and distance last month, while The West (4.45 Goodwood) is reputed to be Paul Cole's best two-year-old.

Monument stayed on resolutely to oblige at Windsor ten days ago and Jeff King's runner looks ready for the step up in trip at the Thameside course (7.30). North of the border, Chris Thornton looks to have found a perfect opening for Call Me to land a decent prize in the £10,000-Rothmans Royals North South Challenge Handicap (6.50 Hamilton).



Salmon Ladder, ridden by Quinn, stretches clear to gain an impressive victory in the Schroders Handicap at Goodwood yesterday

# Fahim helps Hills to redress the balance

RICHARD HILLS has swayed as violently on the winds of fortune as the army of punters descending on Goodwood week. So it was fitting that the jockey triggered wild celebra-tions when his late effort swept Fahim, the heavily-backed favourite, to a resounding victory in the Volvo Truck Finance Globetrotter Stakes.

As the 14 runners thundered towards the two-furlong pole, Fahim's unpromising position encapsulated the frustrations of punters throughout the week. The colt had plenty left, but precious little racing room in which to express himself.

It must have prompted a terrible sense of déjà-vu within his beleaguered rider. Faced with a similar predicament aboard the stronglyfancied Sahm in the Champagne Stakes on Wednesday, Hills reacted

later banned for seven days. But Fahim, whose lenient handicap rating caused an uproar in the wake of his Newmarket triumph last month, proved more than a match for the challenge. Like the equally well-backed Missile 24 hours earlier. Fahim devoured the ground on finding daylight. Unlike Missile, the son of Green Desert got up to collar Murheb, a 33-1 chance, close home.

Mindful of the undulating circuit, Fahim's connections agreed before the race that the colt should be kept close to the pace, "We were scared of his inside draw," Fahim's trainer, Alec Stewart, said. "We wanted to be prominent but they all came across at

the start and cut him up." Fahim was to return the compliment, cutting down his rivals with a scintillating turn of foot. But the abiding memory will be the crescendo that rose from a packed grand-

Fahim's future surely lies in a higher grade, an impression Stewart intends to explore in conditions company when the ground eases. "I trained his mother. Mahrah," the trainer recalled, "and she would have been very good if she had ever encountered soft ground. I think this horse is the same. he won't run again until we have some rain."

Hills, who had earlier landed the opening Seeboard Stakes on the mproving Green Barries, later spoke of his roller-coaster experience. "It has certainly been up and down this week," he said. "At Goodwood, one day it loves you and the next it hates you. Today, it seems to like me."

The respite for punters was not to last long. Tipsy Creek was dispatched a warm favourite for the Jockey Club of Kenya Molecomb Stakes over five

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furlongs, but he capitulated like a punctured balloon as Carmine Lake fought off Connemara in a tight finish. Carmine Lake maintained the lucrative spell at present enjoyed by her owner, Robert Sangster, whose Ocean Ridge collected the Prix Rob-

ert Papin on Saturday. It was immensely satisfying to see Salmon Ladder and Midnight Legend contest the finish to the Schroders Glorious Rated Stakes, a listed handicap with a weight range limited to 14lb. The two horses headed the weights, with Salmon Ladder prevailing after a well-judged ride from Richard Quinn. But Better Offer might have collared them both had he not raced from 3lb out of the

handicap. Salmon Ladder is big enough to carry a cart, but the greatest truism in racing is that dead weight will bring even the best to their knees.

### GOODWOOD

2.00 My Lewicia 2.30 DOUBLE PARK (nap) 3.10 Miss Universal

3.45 Sylva Paradise 4.15 Loki 4.45 The West 5.20 Mr Browning

r's top rating: 3.45 BOLSHOI. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Miss Universal. 3.45 Cyrano's Lad. 5.20 PUCE (nap).

GOING: GOOD-TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 VODAPAGE CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £14,300: 1m) (9 runners) 

BETTING: 5-2 Hammerstein. 3-1 Katmintaria, 4-1 Russian Music, 7-1 Instinction, 8-1 May Lewicka, 10-1 Censor, 12-1 Potar Eclipse, 14-1 Swift Fandampo, 16-1 Van Gurp 1995. TAMAYAZ 8-11 1. Dekori (5-2) S bin Surbor 5 ran

2.30 VODATA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £10,690: 7f) (8 runners) BETTING: 9-4 Golden Fact, S-2 Double Park, 6-1 Michy Cay, 7-1 Sup O'Tirol, 8-1 Michanac, 10-1 Trading Acce. 12-1 others

1995: VANGSHENG POINT 7-10 W Carton (5-1) G Lewis 9 can FORM FOCUS

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3.10 VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES (Group II: fillies; £50,593: 1m 2i) (8 runners)

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410 (27) 0-84611 CYRARD'S LAD 38 (D.F.G.) (M.F. Darley) P Barrot 4-8-5 (San J Fortune 9

411 (14) 29-4231-d1 COASTAL RUSH 22 (P.G.S.) (M.S. D Allent) Balding 3-8-10. K Fallon 8

412 (29) 4231-d1 COASTAL RUSH 22 (P.G.S.) (M.S. D Sterp) P Barrot 4-8-5 (San J Fortune 9

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MASTER JAY (Mrs H Resnach) P Walmyn 9-0.

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REGART WARRINGS (P Ecol & Histo 9-0.

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5.20 TRUNDLE HANDICAP (£7,960: 1ml 4f) (9 runners) BETTING: 9-4 Pace 5-1 State 6-1 White Sea, 7-1 Mr Browning, 6-1 Casual Water Scientify, 10-1 orbers 1995: PROGRESSION 4-7-2 M Bard (33-1) P Hastern 9 cm

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

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2.35 YE OLDE OAK HAM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,425: 7f) (9 runners)

[3-Y-U: 24,422]: (1) (3 TRITIERS)

1 (5) 13-6101 ORTOLAN 2 (F.S.) (1 Lazzar) R Hamon 9-5

2 (1) 314530 NORTY'S GRAB HRE 2 (B.D.F.) (0 Norty K horty 9-1

3 (7) 313-00 CEBWOB 35 (D.G.) (2 Badger) P Cate 8-10

4 (8) 5123-00 LETH ACADEMY 12 (F) Horebyth Sub 9-1818 6-6

5 (2) 2023 MINTLE MAD 23 (BP) (Castle Form Sub) H Thompson Jones 8-1

6 (3) 2023-00 LIBERT ARCADET 15 (G) R Bastle 7 H Horterga 1-2

8 (9) 0-3-800 HOTLEPS HOLLERAN 14 (D,P) (H Drocaster) P Hilliams 7-12

9 (6) 9-0-0600 ON THE HOLLERAN 14 (D,P) (H Drocaster) P Hilliams 7-12 BETTRIC 3-Detain, 4-1 Mylical Blad, B-1 Cebroto 10-1 heary 5 Grafi Hire Leith Academy Sweel Amuret 12-1 Unite George 14-1 Hotigo Houldran, 25-1 On The Home Rus 1995; DELIGHT OF DAWN 8-1 C Scally (8-1) It livery 9 as

3.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CLEARLY CANADIAN C4 MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,464: 61) (11 runners) BACHELORS PAD (Mrs D Allen) W Javer, 9-0 HOME ALONE (D Armtage) / Gooden 9-0 JALE (H A) Mohloum) A Stewari 9-0 MOOKSHMER (Baron G von Ulimano) G Wragy 9-0. MOWADOO (Makkoum Al Makeom) M Stoute 9-0 MOWJOOD (Makkaam Al Makkaam) M Staule 9-0 .... R Hughes MUSICAL PURSUIT 23 (B School Badner) M Tomplans 9-0 P Robitson P Robrison 92
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A Clark. 68
Paul Eddary 74
R Lills Vr J O'Cornor Erman O'Gorman -6 (14) 3 0LUSACAL PURSALT 2.5 Screening Source | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March | March

1995: WITCH OF REE 8-9 B Tourison (6-1) B Halls 5 can FORM FOCUS BACHELORS PAD (loaled Feb 21) By Pursunt 01 Loue, ball-durabler to useful winning premiles Lore Dance and The Juder, dam 67 winner. HOME ALONE (Feb 18) By Goom Dance, half-brother to TVIns witner Plesseal Surprize and Irm winner home to TVIns witner home

3.35 YE OLDE DAK HANDICAP 

1995' MOBLE NEPTUNE 7-13 G Carter (14-1) W Marson III ran FORM FOCUS QUALITY 54:1 Sh of 11 to Golden Pound in calling related states at Accol (fin., good to firm) DISAL-LOWED best long OI Sparts short-head in malter action at Rippon (in in good to firm) SMARTER (CHARTER best Bon Luck J in Nandscap at Beverley (im 100yd, good to firm), DRIWE CILEST 444 4th Selection: SYLVAN PRINCESS:

**COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS** Anns 277 183 39 362 200 31 **JOCKEYS** 235 157 154 149 145 129 1 D Smith J Stack R Halls

4.10 HERO LITE NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £18,438: 6l) (9 runners) 10.430. CV) (P. YOUR EYES ONLY 44 (D.F.G.) (R Callin) T Easterby 9-7.

111514 FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 74 (F.G.) (Aks 8 Blum) J Berry 9-4.

011 MISS STAMPER 14 (F.G.) (Aks 8 Blum) J Berry 9-4.

31454 EXIT TO RIO 21 (S) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ransden 9-9.

5251 HALDWING 21 (D.F. (R Trock) P Keldenay 8-12.

02414 NORRORE MR NICEGLY 21 (G) (Aks C McPrail) E Alson 8-12.

1 DEMOLITION MAN 29 (D.6) (Aks K Fritz) J Wats 8-5.

002 OCKER 9 (T Caydon) M Tomphars 8-2.

003 ULTRA BOY 8 (Per Express (WARI) LIG) F Haslam 7-10.

Long bandicap: URra Boy 7-9 BETTING: 3-1 Demoktom Man, 7-2 Miss Stamper 5-1 Octor, 6-1 For Old Times Sake, Hatowing, 8-1 En) To Rio. For Your Eyes Only, 10-1 others

1995. RABICAN 8-8 D 9 McCabe (8-1) G Bravery 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY best Superior Premium 294 in 6-number conditions race at Beverley (St. good to firm) with FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (Sib better off) 441 544 MISS STAMPER best Young Browth 94 in 14-numer suction race at Newbury (St. good to firm). BOT TO RIO 3/51 4th of 8 to Top Of Time Form in markery at York (St. good). Selection: MISS STAMPER (nep)

4.40 ngk spark plugs handicap (£6,004, 1m 2f) (12 runners)

BETTING, 7-2 Days Polic, 9-2 Claren Fox, 5-1 Noble Sprade: 5-1 Ball Goam, Coachella 10-1 Autor 12-1 offers 1995. PURSUIT OF GLORY 4-9-7 F Fallon (12-1) C Cater 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALL GOWN 61/1 5m of 13 to Grand Selection in hardiscap at Googleood / Itm 21 good to farm). BARDON HILL BOY 1/1 2nd of 6 to Canton Virolace in hardiscap at 1/2 and of 6 to Canton Virolace in hardiscap at 1/2 and of 6 to Canton Virolace in hardiscap at 1/2 and of 6 to Canton Virolace in hardiscap at 1/2 and of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in Selection (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/1 2rd of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in Selection (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/2 and of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in Selection (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/2 and of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in Selection (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/2 and of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in Selection (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/2 and of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in 3/2 conditions (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/2 and of 6 to Seats in conditioner race in 3/2 conditions (1/2 conditions) of SUP JIG 51/2 
5.15 YE OLDE OAK TOP DOG HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,049: 1m 4!) (16 runners)

A Clark 68 M Fenton 97 M Rammer 95 J Stack 93 Long handicap Dugmo 6-12

1995, SBLKTAR, 8-3 C Corner (15-8 Upo J Berry 7 rate ☐ The Paul Cole-trained Montjoy (Richard Quinn) and Clive Brittain's Needle Gun (Michael Kinane) represent Britain in the 11-runner group one £99,099 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis

BETTING: 5-1 Adoles: 7-1 Resolvery Author 9-1 Temphers Goldened 10-1 Stree Falcon, Balladichteblur Bierheim Tenace 14-1 uther:

Bayerisches Zuchtrennen (Im 2f) at Munich tomorrow. The Aga Khan will be represented by both the dual French group one winner. Valanour (Gerald Mossé), and the Irish filly, Timarida (John Muriagh). Last year's winner. Germany (Ray Cochrane). and the German 1,000 Guineas winner. La Blue (Darryll Holland), head the home team.

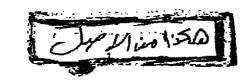
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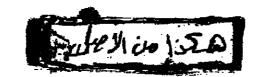
MONDAY: Brighton (Sky tirst race 5.56). Carlisto (Sky, 6.10), Nowlon Abbot (2.15). Ripon (2.30) TUESDAY: Brighton (200), Catterick Bridge (215). Bridge (2 15).
WEDNESDAY: Brighton (2 15). Kempton Park (Sky, 5 50). Newcastle (2 30). Not-tingham (Sky, 6 03).
THURSDAY: Hamilton Park (6 05). Ponto-leat (2 45). Yarmouth (5 50). FRIDAY: Haydock Park (6 i0) New-market (6 00), Pumpton (2 30) Redear (2 40), Woterhampton (AW, 2 20) SATURDAY: Ayr (2 05), Haydock, Park IBBC, 2 15), Lingfield Park (1uf and AW 5 40), Market Raton (5 50), Newmarket (C4, 2 00), Redear (2 10) Worcester (6 00)

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# Last Second can time challenge to perfection

GOODWOOD

2.00: My Lewicia is the form choice judged on her second behind Missile at Newmarket, but Peter Harris's yard has gone a month without a winner. Russian Music did not get the best of rides behind Hammerstein at Ascot and can reverse the formon 41b better terms.

2.30: Top-weights win more than their fair share of the early nurseries and Double Park can become the third such winner at Goodwood this week from a plum high draw. She made all the running when landing a similar event at Ayr. The main threat may come from Sun O'Tirol, who won well at Folkestone.

3.10: This race has been kind to favourite backers down the years, and Last Second can continue the trend after nearly landing a huge gam-ble at Royal Ascot in the Coronation Stakes. She showed a fine turn of foot that day and her breeding suggests today's extra quar-ter-mile is within her compass. Mezzogiorno was third to Lady Carla in the Oaks before disappointing in France and Whitewater Affair, winner of the Lupe Stakes here, is a bigger danger. 3.45: see facing page.

RICHARD EVANS

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

3.05: Moonshiner is the first foal of Marling, by Irish River. Bachelors Pad is also bred to be sharp but Mowjood and Home Alone hail from stables whose juveniles tend to improve for their debut. Of those with experience, Olivo showed promise at Newbury but the form of Musical Pursuit's



Newmarket debut is work-

3.35: Sky Dome can complete a quick double for the Tompkins stable. The colt led home the stands' side group at Newmarket last month. That was only good enough for seventh place, but it proved his effectiveness over this trip. Sky Dome can outpoint Smarter Charter, who is not guaranteed the fast pace he requires. This shorter trip may count against Disallowed.

4.10: For Your Eyes Only returns to six furlongs after disappointing over the minimum trip at Royal Ascot. He looks a better prospect than Miss Stamper, who steps up to this trip for the first time. For Old Times Sake (aced an impossible task when conceding 12ib to Easycall, subsequently winner of the Richmond Stakes. However, Demolition Man, an easy Haydock winner, makes most appeal.

4.40: Oops Pettie, who met with interference at Ascot, has obvious claims but Ball Gown could prove too strong. The mare showed herself in a favourable light at Goodwood, finishing fifth in much stronger company. Bardon Hill Boy could play a part now that he tackles his best trip. Stately Dancer may have found 12 furlongs beyond him last time.

JULIAN MUSCAT

#### THUNDERER 5.50 Henry The Hawk. 6.20 William Wellace. 6.50 Call Me. 7.20 North Arder. 7.50 Natural Key. 8.20 Baliadoole Bajan. 8.50 Rapid Mover. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

5.50 VARIETY CLUB CHARITY HANDICAP (£2,484: 61 5yd) (10 runners)

6.20 GLENGOYNE SINGLE HIGHLAND MALT SCOTCH WHISKY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,518: 61 5yd) (4)

1 322 CAMADIAN FANTASY 19 (BI) M Johnston 9-0 ... T Williams 4 2 052 KARSER KACHE 14 K Nekhadis 9-0 ... R Hardin 5) 3 3 50 RAMIT Y GAMER 23 J Benry 9-0 ... J Fandin 5) 3 4 068 WILLIAM WALLACE 10 C Mayary 9-0 ... A Massion 1 4-7 Caractan Fantasy. 11-4 Kasse Kache. 8-1 William Waters. 14-1 Hant

6.50 ROTHMANS ROYALS HORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,068: 1m 1! 36yd) (4) 1 4285 NOSE NO BOUNDS & (8.6) M Johnston 9-7.... T Williams 3 2 1633 CALL ME 15 (D.G) C Trecton 9-1...... D McKnows 4

2.25 Always Happy, 2.55 Trade Wind. 3.30 Heresthedeal, 4.05 Dream Here, 4.40 Muskora, 5.10

2.25 THOROUGHBRED CLOTHING COMPANY PRESENTS SCUDAMORE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

2.55 CLIVE MORGAN SELLING HURDLE

3.30 FRANCIS KEARNS 70TH BIRTHDAY

MOVICES CHASE (£2,846: 2m 110yd) (5)

(2.1, 704. 2111 1) (7)

1 08-1 TRADE WIND 15 (V.D.F) J O'Shes 5-11-12 Mitchael Brenner (5)

2 7-4 CLANCY'S DEPRESS 13 J Fox 5-10-12 S Fox

3 70-4 DOUBLE PERDANT 55 P Hobbs 5-10-12 A P Michael

4 00-F DR DAME 15 K McAutiths 5-10-12 B Powell

5 MDRAPURA 9F M Pipe 4-10-9 D Bridgewiths

6 42-5 SWEET DISCREER 13 H Manners 6-10-7 A Downing (7)

7 6 BURNIT SIDNIN 9F J Moore 4-10-4 W Microtand

11-4 Indrapura, 3-1 Double Pendan, 7-2 Trade Wind, Dr Dave, 10-1 Clancy's Express, 14-1 Swent Discorder, 16-1 Burni Sterma.

BEN BOWDEN 31F M Blarchard 10-12 ...... J Osborne
SAUCY SOLL 75F W 6 M Turner 10-12 ..... J Power (7)
ALWAYS HAPPY 43F M Pep 10-7 .... D Bridgenoter
BULLPON BELLE SAF F Wahen 10-7 .... B Powerl
OUR ADVENTURE 32F M Maggeridge 10-7 .... S Curran
s Happy, 7-4 Bullpon Belle, 6-1 Saucy Soul, 8-1 Beo Bouden, 10-1 Our

Going: Good to Firm

(£2,699: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

(£1,784: 2m 1f) (7)

1 2332 ASKERN 10 (C.B.F.) D Hoydn Joses 5-10-9. A Machay 1 2 3265 TISSUE OF 1253 13 M Johnston 3-9-7 I Williams 2 3 4503 DR EDISAR 9 F.53 M Dods 4-9-7 I Williams 2 4 3542 LIARD ASHOLATE 5 8(2.D.F.S.5, D Moint 8-9-9 R Hamber 5) 8 5 0042 NORTH-ERW MOTTO 30 W Sonny 3-8-6 D McKannas 5 6 20-3 WARNINGX MEST 22 8 Machagens 4-7-10 Joses Whods (7) 5 7 0008 RAPID MOVER 33 (B.(2.3.5) D Moint 9-7-10 K Shed (7) 8 5055 RARNY ROSE 22 (D.S.) P Montates 5-7-10 J Bossehal (7) 4 11-4 Lard Advocate. 3-1 Horsners Motto, 7-2 Askern. 9-2 Dr Edgar, 5-1 Tessut Ct 3 323- HERESTHEDEAL 66 (F.G.) 6 McCoort 7-18-12 ... 8 Califord 4 5-53 MORDIC VALLEY 24 (F.B.)51 M Figs 5-10-9 ... 10 Budguster 5 5-43 STAPLEFORD LADY 16 (8F,F) ± Moore 8-10-7 ... W McFartand ivess Heresthedeal, 7-4 Hordic Valley, 10-1 Duite Of Desens, Staplished Lady. 12-1 Great Vecto

1 1112 NORTH ARDAR 19 (8F.F.G) J J D'Note 6-9-9 S Copp (5) 8 2 0803 SOFROLO OF SCHRICE 12 D Mohan 6-9-5 Y Hallicony 2 3 AD-5 CORNY'S GRB. 12 R McKeder 49-0 D McGeffin (7) 1 4 4062 TIEBR BLIES 28 (0.0) W Surey 9-9-0 Igen Wards (7) 4

**7.50** EVENING TIMES FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,831. 6/ 5yd) (4)

1 OSO MASSAUT ON R McKeler 9-7 T Williams 4
2 ASA1 LUSCY REVENES I M Mende 9-7 (7m). B McKeler S
3 OSO1 MATERIAL REY 22 (2017) D Heydn Jones 8-7 K Minches 2
4 2003 PATRICE 15 (F) M Hyorik 8-0 J Paneling 3
4-5 Lucky Reven

8.20 EAGLE TAVERNS TAM PARKS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,619: 51 4yd) (7)

8.50 LINN MOTOR GROUP V40 HANDICAP

(£3,648: 1m 3f.16yd) (8)

7.20 BURNBANK SELLING STAKES

4,05 FORT GEORGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,929: 2m 6f) (6) 

2-1 Dream Hen. 11-4 Micon. 9-2 Cashillow Crisis, 5-1 Akymana. Miness Rest, 14-1 Cas De Gras 4,40 HEWTON ABBOT TOWN DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,458: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

7-4 Andreiot, 3-1 Masterra, 7-2 Henley Regutta, 6-1 Sobat, Jim Valentina, 16-1 The Lottyman

5.10 PHOENIX PRINT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,201: 2m 1f) (6)

4-5 Country Star, 11-4 Rosa Micrada, 8-1 Cooley's Valve, Pussy Street Boy, 10-1 Re Rei, 16-1 Commanche Crack

7.30 amerada hess gas challenge HANDICAP (£3,792: 1m 3i 135yd) (10)

7-2 Manufest, 5-1 Tart, Ety Pleetwol, Te Arno, 6-1 Mountain Dream, 7-1 Wild Ritz, 6-1 Supreme Star, 10-1 others

8.00 it's a gas handicap (£2,933: 5f 10yd) (11)

8,30 SOUTH WEST MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,890: 1m 67yd) (18)

# CIESTER MORROWS

2.30 Wizard King, 3.00 State Fair, 3.30 Sagebrush Roller, 4.00 Top Cees, 4.30 Campaspe, 5.00 I Can't Remember.

Going: Good to firm DRAW: 6F-7F 122YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

THUNDERER

2.30 WEST PENNINE TRUCKS FOR SCANIA CONDITIONS STAKES (£9,218: 71 2yd) (4) 1 4001 CHCKAWACKA 32 (CD.F.S.S.) 8 Palling 5-9-2 ... D O'Sbia 2 2 19-4 STAP OF ZEZAL 15 (CD.F.G.) M Stocke 4-9-2 ... K Fation 3 23-5 WIZARD INING 8 (CD.F.G.S.) M PROSECT 5-9-2 ... W Woods 1 4 -214 SABOT 23 (D.F.) 8 Nils 3-8-13 .... M Hills 4 5-4 Waard King, 6-4 Star Of Zizal, 4-1 Sabot, 8-1 Chickewicka

3.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SALTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0. £4,124; 7f 2yd) (4) 1 2 HMXDSR9/IT 18 W Hagger 9-0 ..... K Fallon 1 2 32 STATE FARM 45 B HMS 9-0 ..... M HMS 2 3 ATTITIEE C Britain B-9 ..... B Doyle 4 2352 DAMEHRU, PRINCESS 16 R Hottinshead B-9 ... F Lynch (3) 3 8-11 State Fair, 2-1 Hindsight, 7-1 Asilon, 12-1 Daniel II Princess. 3.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY MILE HANDICAP

(Qualifier: £9,526: 7f 122yd) (9) 

4.00 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR RATED HANDICAP (£15,321: 2m 21 147yd) (9)

4.30 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,583: 1m 41 68yd) (5)

3-1 Sea Victor, 7-2 Top Cees, 4-1 Cardie Smile, 5-1 Danjing, 7-1 Remarch Sus, 8-1 Page Vonture, 10-1 others.

5.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £4,280: 61 18yd) (4) 1 0233 FOOT BATTALINN 3 (S) 8 Hollinshead 9-7 ... F Lynch (3) 4
2 3723 WALT FOR BOSE 73 (F) M Chemics 9-3 ... P P Marphy (S) 2
3 145 WEST EES GRIL 22 (E) P Engré 9-8 ....... D Britishs (S) 2
4 1224 I CAMT RESHEUBER 5 (S) P Cams 7-10 ...... D Whight (S) 3
6-4 Foot Battalon, 2-1 I Cam's Remorber, 7-2 Walt For Backe, 9-2 West Ees Gri

☐ Spout, the mount of Pat Eddery, tries to add tomorrow's group two Prix De Pomone at Deauville to her wins in the John Porter Stakes and Lancashire Oaks. She is joined on 3-1 Queents Consul. 4-1 My Gallery, 9-2 Westlandge Lad. 5-1 Enton, 7-1 Champagne Grandy, 8-1 Sugebrush Roller, 10-1 others. the raid by the Oaks fourth, Camporese.

2.20 Step N Go. 2.50 Isle Of Corregidor, 3.20 Invigitate, 3.55 Villeggiatura, 4.25 Sometion Boy. 4.55 Chalk Dust, 5.30 Mediame Zando. DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST

2.20 EUROPEAN SREEDERS FUND SUTTON MAIDEN STAKES (2.7.0: 23.977;50) (9 runners) 

THUNDERER

3-1 France, 7-2 July Major, 4-1 Sap. #-Ge. 3-2 June 7-1 offers. 2.50 COOPERS & LYZERAND CONDITIONS

TANCE (2-Y-O: £4,055: 65) (6):

1 SLE OF CORRESONOR 32 (0.7) No. J Cord 9-3 J Cord 1:

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3 I SLYER INNO 16 (7) No. Sec. 9-1 J Cord 1:

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3.20 ROCOM SELENG HANDICAP

(Ladies race: £3,545: 61) (14) 

13 0033 FISHTER SCHANGON 12 (S.D.F.S) R Peacock 7-9-12 13 UUSS 755115H SUDMANUM 12 BUU), 6) H PROCOS 7-9-12
Min C Perceck (7) 11
14 0000 JOH'S CHOICE 23 (0,6) B Procos 6-9-9 Mins L Boswell (7) 4 1-2 Natur 5-1 Tropical Beach, 11-2 Dominatio 6-1 My Godson, 13-2 others

THUNDERER 6.10 Silver Sleeve, 6.40 George Ashford, 7.10 Sassiver, 7.40 Kernof, 8.10 Rhossal Bay, 8.40 Fleet

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

6.10 PREMIERE PLACEMENTS AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,110; 2m 1f 110yd) (8 runners) 

6-4 Sherr Steve, 3-1 Popin, 9-2 Irie Mon, 5-1 Tony's Mist, 16-1 And Dode, 20-1 Idoled Strain, 25-1 others **6,40** UNITED FRIENDLY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Goodwood: 3 45 Norwagian Blu Efort, 4.45 Marengo, 5.20 Silenty, Hamilton Park: 8.20 Alla Market Resert: 6.40 George Astriord, Rare Packy, 7.40 C searus resert o ou castige Astroro, raire Patory, 7.00 C06000 Dreams, 8 do Fernáció, Brother, Reel Cadel, Newton Abbot. 4.40 Jim Valentine, Thinks 3.20 Vanus Victorous, 5.30 Balleys First, Jerny's Charmer, Windson 6.00 Festin Gold, Shil Here, 7.00 Bold Oriental, Doubly-H. 8.00 Classic Pet. 3.55 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP 

4.25 LORDS TAVERNERS HANDICAP (£4,988: 1m) (7)

4.55 TONY WHITING PUBLIC RELATIONS

MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,003: 71) (8) 1 0-4 AMSEL FACE 22 B Press 8-11 V Satistary 8
2 46 BELBAY STAR 14 J Eyrs 8-11 J Brasshin (7) 1
3 52-5 CHALK CUST 25 F Cole 8-11 DR McCabe 4
4 2 CRUZ SAMTA 31 Baron 8-11 S D Williams 7
5 0 MASSHOUM 21 J Georgies 8-11 J Cannol 5
6 MEZHH H Thomson Jones 8-11 G Caster 8-7
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5.30 LORDS TAVERNERS MAIDEN HANDICAP

3-1 Newtonds, Corner, 7-2 Basteys Furg., 4-1 Mariam Zando, 6-1 Mulcracker Soule 7-1 La Finale, 8-1 Dona Fitipa, 14-1 Dare Budge- 16-1 others

7.10 GRAHAME LILES NOVICES CHASE

1 0-07 SASSIVER 15 (B.D.F.O) P Kelleway 6-11-6 R Johnson 2 46P2 HZAL 13 (F) H Manues 7-11-0 Mr A Charles-Jones 3 0PP- MR ONENTAL 122 Mrs V Aconley 6-11-0 D Byroz 4 8- GHEDI 371 M Margarridge 5-10-10 C Lionnillyn 4-9 Sassiver, 7-2 Hizzl. 8-1 Mr Orientat, 14-1 Shedi.

7.40 FASTNET FISH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

COMBOV BEAMS 29F (8) M Tomplains 10-12 ... K Sazile (3)
KESHOD 29F M Harranord 10-12 ... R Sazile
KULLMESSAN-TOWN 325F J Carr 10-12 ... F Leainy (3)
LAMYSIA 105 M S. A Swinshari 10-12 ... J Supple (3)
RECALL TO MIND 43F M Somersby 10-12 ... D Parker (3)
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MORTHERN FALCOM 17F M W Easterby 10-7 ... Mr M Wilson 9-4 Another Quarter, 5-2 Home Cookin', 4-1 Kernot, 5-1 others.

8.10 LILES RACING HANDICAP CHASE

8.40 WEIGHTLIFTER MAIDEN KURDLE (£2,630; 2m 11 110yd) (14)

11-4 Fleet Cadet. 7-2 Forgotten Empress, 4-1 Sea God, 6-1 others.

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DRAW: 6F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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301 3024 DOURLE RUIE 14 (D.F.S) M Johnston 7-10-0 M Politard (7)
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303 2683 SLEHT EXPRESSION 9 (20.7) R Maries 8-8-12 M Tebbrall 304 3210 NEUMEST 24 (20.7) M Walter 4-8-8 - 1 J Stack 3
305 4155 ASHLAR 22 (20.76) H Thomston Jones 3-8-7 - R Hills 7
305 1000 SCHARNMORST 2 (0.76,5) S Dow 4-8-6 - R Hills (6) 3
307 3000 DARYMAND 35 (D.6) T Maughton 4-8-5 - T Sprake 3
308 5022 VICTORY TEAM 25 (C.0,6) & Balding 4-7-11 - M Varioty (3) 3
309 1344 JERRY CUTFRONA 9 (0.7) N Catington 3-7-10 - G Bardone 4-1 7-2 Jerry Cutrons, 4-1 Double Blue, Newwest, 6-1 Phese Suganne, 10-1 others

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402 0305 VOLA WA 15 (7) Establing 3-9-6 Martin Deyer (5) 4
403 -5-23 CERDAN 14 M Sontin 3-9-6 T Sonate 2
404 2615 ANOTHER TIME 28 (0) BF.F.G.) S Woods 4-9-5 D Stope 3
405 110 NORTH REEF 37 (6 (CD.C.) M Presont 5-9-5 B Durfled 5
406 1059 RWAL BID 23 (CD.F.C.) M New Marcacles 9-3 C Tespage (3) 7
407 3021 SOMET BRIDE 4 (0) F.G.) S Dow 4-9-1 R Hawlin (5) 1

4.50 TAUBER APPRENTICE HANDICAP

9-2 Broughtons Turmoit, 5-1 Helios; 6-1 Flag Fen, Pacity's Rice. 8-1 others

2.10 Rivonia. 2.40 Tessajoe. 3.10 Shoumatara. 3.40 Jobie. 4.10 Maple Bay. 4.40 Hazard A Guess.

DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(2-Y-0: £3,534: 6f) (7 runners)

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9-4 Blue Bonker, 4-1 Jobie, 9-2 Double Oscar, 5-1 Sense Ol Priority, 7-3 Ceignein, 10-1 Lifte Beel, Hot Majestic.

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☐ Andy Turnell, the National Hunt trainer. has announced that Norman Williamson will be riding for him when available during the 1996-7 season.

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Goodwood Going; good to firm :

2.15 (7f) 1, GREEN BARRIES (R Hills. 

Tricast 2622.48.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, FAHIM (R Hills, 5-2 lav, Thunderer's rep and Newmarket Corresponders's rep); 2, Murheb (M Hills, 33-1); 3, Crown Court (Pat Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mewingo (5th), 9 Double Bluff, 14 Kusia Lipis (6th), 16 Evalled, Freedom Flame, 25 Al Abraq, Believe Me, Musherhold, Wot No Fox, 50 Iamus, The Dilettanti (4th), 14 ran, 3t, nk, 3t, 3t, 4t, 4t, A Stawert at Newmarket. Tota: 64-10: 22.00, £10.00, £2.30. DF £113.30, Tric: £131.70, CSF: £68.08. Tricast: £293.21.

293.21.
320 (1m. 4f) 1, SALMON LADDER (T. Oxinn, 7-2 tav); 2, Midnight Legend (J. Reid, 5-1); 3, Berter Offer (M. Hills, 5-1).
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Semmartino (4th), Son Ol Sharp Shot (6th), 9 Rolesby Bow (5th), 12 Royal Scimibs., 74 Ionic, River North, 9 ran.
114, 34, 6, 54, 234. P Cole at Whetcombe. Tote: 24.00; 21.50, 22.30, 22.00. DF: 29.0, Trio: £10.50, CSF: £19.80, Tricast: £77.78.

277.78.
3.50 (5f) 1. CARMINE LAKE (J Reid, 6-1);
2. Commemora (K Fellon, 10-1); 3, Deep Finesse (P Robinson, 11-2). ALSO RAN:
11-10 law Tipsy Creek (8th), 7 Vax Star, 16
Oympic Sprit (8th), 25 Omaine City (4th),
7 tan, Nr., 134, 134, ns. 5. P Chapple-hyam at Manton. Tota: 08:80, 62:80,
63:20. DF: 638.70. CSP: 552:49. 23.20. DF 238.70. CSP 252.49.
4.25 (71) 1, DNCKUE BIRD (Pat Endery, 7-2); 2, Zeretski (B Doyle, 2-1 k-tav), 7.
Prairie Falcon (M Hills, 2-1 k-tav), ALSO RAN; 7 Quertier (4th), 10 Uniknown Tenflory (5th), 5 ran, 1141, 314, 181, 21. R Harmon at East Everleigh, Tote: 23.60; 21.40, 21.70. DF, 25.40. CSF; 210.30. E1.40, E1.70. DF: 25.40. CSF: £10.35.
5.00 (Sh) 1, CLAN CHIEF (F Cuim. 9-4
fas); 2, Literary Society (J Cuim. 4-1); 3,
White Emir (S Doyle, 9-1); ALSO FAN: 6
Facilitate, 8 Gwespyr (6th), 12 Dande
Flyer (Sth), Sirasp Pearl, 14 Step On
Degres, 20 Chiercost (4th), 9 ran, 14(, 14,
144, nk, 41, J Amold at Upper Lambourn.
Tote: £2.90: £1.40, £1.80, £2.20 DF:
\$5.00. Trio: \$9.80. CSF: £10.89. Tricast:
£59.24.

es.00. This ISB.0. CSF: E10.65. Incase. Sep.24.
5.98 (6f) 1. HAWA AL NASAMAAT (Dane O'Neil, 11-4 fay): 2, Titer (M Henry, 3-1): 3. Hinton Rook (D Wright, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Rock Symphony (4th), 13-2 Anselman (deg), 12 Fantasy Racing, Schamhorst, 18 Scissor Ridge, 20 Random (4th), 50 Petraco. 10 ran. NR: Samwar. 2hl, nk, hd, dd-ht. E. Dunlop at Newmerlest. Tota: 52.20; 51.80, 51.80, 57.00. DF: 53.80. This E82.10. CSF: 510.32. After a stewards inquiry. Anselman, who finished third, was disqualified and placed last.
Jackpot: 5146.029.90 (0.79 winning tickets; pool of £43,181.97 camied forward to Goodwood today).
Placepot: 5207.30.

Placepot £207.30.

Thirsk Going: good to firm Going: good to mm 2.00 (6) 1, Benzoe (J Fortune, 11-10 fav); 2, Kma (9-1); 3, Cheeky Chappy (5-1), 9 ran, 1¼1, nk, Mrs J Ramsden, Tote: £2.00; £1.10. £2.90, £1.90. DF: £14.60. Thic 234,00. CSF: £12.08. Tricast: £37.14. 2.90 (E) 1, Bold African (A Culture, 5-1); 2. Under Pressure (13-2); 3, Swiss Coast (7-1). Bellymote 2-1 tav. 9 ran. 1, %L P Evens. Tota: £5.00; £1.40, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £16.40. Trio: £80.90. CSF: £34.80. Vricast: £210.27. 3.00 (1m 4f) 1, Tritby (A Culhane, 5-2 k-lay); 2, Daira (20-1); 3, Afsura (4-1), Flona Sharin 5-2 k-lay, 9 ran, Hd, 4l, P Cole, Tote: 23.50, £1.20, £2.00, £2.00 DF: £18.90 Tric; £11.70, CSF: £44.95, Tricast £180.18.

3.30 (1m) 1, Royal Result (M Fenton, 1-5 fav); 2, Variaciam Ore (100-1); 3, Alrayyon (4-1), 7 aran, NR; Hill House Teacher, 3i, 6i, M Stouts, Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £5.80. DF: £15.10. CSF, £17.12.

E15.10. CSF. E17.12.
4.05 (7f) 1. Deahing Rocksville (J. Fortuna, 3-1 I. Havi), 2. Sandhappedagain (9-2); 3. Presse's Girl (6-1), Irish Piction 3-1 i-lay, 10 ran. Shh d. %I. M Channon. Tots: £4.20; £1.40, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £11.20. Tito: £31.20. CSF. £18.08. Ino: EST 20. CSF: £10.06.
4.35 (7f) 1, Lucky Revenge (Caire Angell, 5-2 tsw); 2, Gool Lee Strey (16-1); 3, Fielestar (9-2), 8 rm., 1 ki, nk. M Meade. Total: £3.40, £1.50, £5.10, £1.30, DF: £26.40, CSF: £35.97, Theset £161 87.

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Placepot: £20.70. Quadpot \$7.80.



Going: good to firm 3.10 (2m 1f hole) 1, Friendly Dreams (1 Elsy, 50-1); 2, Four Weddings (6-5 tax); 3, Belmonal Princess (66-1), 9 rar. (3, 34), P Delton, Tote: £85.40; £7.80, £1.10, £2.50, DF: £38.10 Tito: £35.30, CSF: £104.35.

DF: £28.10 Trio: £35.30. CSF: £104.35.
3.40 (3m 110/ed ch) 1, Stickly Micraey (D Bridgwater, B-13 tay); 2, Pharmago (5-1); 3, Scrabo View (4-1), 4 ran, NRF Prisastral, 4, 4, M Pipe Toter £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.37.
4.15 (2m 11 Indie) 1, Peter Monamy (D Walsin, 4-5 lay); 2, Green's Seago (2-1); 3, Forgethi (4-1), 5 mn, NRF: Cultrain, 2N, dist. M Pipe Toter £1.60, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.13. Bought in £2.50gns.
4.45 (2m 4i Indie) 1, Diamond Cut (D Bridgwater, 4-1); 2, Denoting Dove (4-1); 3, First Crack (9-2). Blue Rayen 2-1 lay 7 ran, 3, 1141, M Pipe, Toter £4.60; £2.10, £2.60. DF: £8.90. CSF: £18.95
5.20 (2m 4i 110/yd ch) 1, Pond House (D

DET. ED.SM. COPT 218.95 5.20 (2m 41 110pt ch) 1, Pond House (D. Bridgester, 13-2); 2, Mmers Ress (11-2); 3, Forest Festher (6-4 fav), 7 ran. 354, 1 kl. M. Pipe. Toter: 25.90; 52.60, 52.10, DF £10.20, CSF: £37.41. Placapot: £10,70. Quadpot: £9,70.

Thursday's late details

Salisbury Going: good to firm, good in places 8.05 (8) 1, Highland Rhapsody (M Hills, 5-2 tav): 2, Redistin Lady (14-1): 3, Yukon Hope (5-1): 16 ran 21, %1 i Belding, Tote: 23 00: 51-50, \$1 90, \$2 10 DF: 52 70. Tion 28 10 CSF: 235.96 228 10 CSF: 235.95 8.35 (Im 6f) 1, Chris's Lad (8 Doyle, 11-1); 2, See Freedom (7-1); 3, Our futs (8-2) SMust 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 25/4, 4/. 8 Meethan. Tote: 213.00; 63.20, £1.70, £1.50 DF: £33.10. CSF: £77.07 Tricast: £362.92 7.05 (6) 1, Compton Place (5 Sanders, 5-4 tev); 2, Dalmeny Dancer (16-1), 3, Colombia (10-3) 4 ran. 2, 2% J Toller Tote: \$2.00 DF: \$4.80 CSF. \$12.38. 7.35 (1m) 1, Sylvan Princess (Menin Dwyer, 4-1 Julay); 2, White Settler (11-2); 3, Ballpoint (8-1). Tee Party 4-1 Julay. 14 ran. 21%; 1%; C Allen. Tota: 64.20; £1.90. £2.90; £4.30 DF. £9.00 Tho: 630.90. CSF-£2.50, £4.30 DF. £9.00 Tho: 630.90. CSF-£2.50, £4.30 DF. £9.50 223.04. Tricast £159.50
8.05 (61) 1. Onolan (Dane O'Nelli, Evens lay; 2. Golden Silver (25-1); 3. Bello's Legacy (20-1). 13 ran. NR Music Mistress. 3. lik. R Hannon. Tote: £2 00. £1 40. £4.80, £3 90. DF: £36 00 Tric: £357.90 (part von. cool of £177 40 carried forward to today) CSF: £25.11.

CSF: £25.11.

8.35 (6i 212vd) 1, Winsome Woosler (5 Drowne, 16-1); 2, Zelda Zonk (12-1); 3f, Auchey Grace (8-1); 3f, Nursharpe (5-2 fev), 14 ran. 3l, 9l, P Murphy Tote: £15.0. £3.00, £2.40 Nursharpa £1.10, Auchey Grace £1.00 DF: £88.50 Tric Zelda Zonk, Nursharpa, Winsome Woosler, £44.00; Zelda Zonk, Winsome Woosler, Auchey Grace, £50.40 CSF: £187.07. Tricast Winsome Woosler, Zelda Zonk, Nursharpa £308.63, Winsome Woosler, Zelda Zonk, Auchey Grace £501.52.
Placepot: £89.20. Quadpot: £9.30.

Doncaster Going: good to firm

Going: good to ann 8.20 (2m 110yd) 1, Old School House (Airs J. Neughton, 13-2); 2, Arian Spirit (9-2); 3, Candle Smoke (11-4 lav) 11 ran, 134, Ind. T. Naughton, Tote: \$7.00; \$2.10, \$2.00, \$2 60. \$6. \$7. \$24.00. Tor: \$23.10. CSF- \$26.89. Tricest: \$24.05. LSP- 236 89. Tricest: 294 05. 8.50 (7f) 1, Papus (K Fallon, 3-1); 2, Brave Act; (1-38): 3, Food Betalsion (14-1). Feming West 11-8 tav. 5 ran, 194, 34 1 Balding Tote: £2.90; £1 80, £1.60 DF- £5.50. CSF: £3.40. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.60 DF: £5.30, CSF: £8.40.
7.20 (7) 1, Grey Kingdom (J Lowe, 12-1); 2, Samsolom (10-1); 3, Zain Dancer (6-1) Shontaine 7-2 law, 15 zan, 14, 11. M British. Tote: £19.10; £4.80, £3.00, £3.60 DF: £4.730 Thre £5.50 (port wort pool of £576.29 carried forward to today). CSF: £131.28. Thicast: £1.087 16.
7.50 (8) 1, Halmaneror (K Falon, 11-2); 2, Royal Dome (4-1); 3, Cretan Giff (10-1), Almasi 9-4 faw, 10 nan, 264, ½4 Mar J Ramacterin Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £1.70, Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £1.70, Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £1.70, Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £1.70, Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £3.40, DF: £1.70, Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £3.80, £1.40. DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40. DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40. DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40. DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40, DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40, DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40, DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40, DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1.40, DF: £9.90, £3.80, £1

Placepot £372.70. Quadpot: £73.70.

6.00 Return To Brighton. 6.30 Flame Valley. 7.00 Mara River. 7.30 Monument. 8.00 The Institute Boy. 8.30 Civil Liberty. going; good to firm DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 6.00 FRIENDLY FLAME APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,211: 1m 67yd) (18 runners)

6-1 Little Kenny, 7-1 Cheriton imp, 8-1 Acquital, 10-1 Tailuish Beile, 12-1 Tailest, Return To Brighton, 14-1 others.

6.30 AMERADA COSTS LESS MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,812: 1m 2l 7yd) (15) 

STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,306: 5i 217yd) (22)

7.00 ebf north sea median auction maiden

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.THUNDERER 2.20 Attribute. 2.50 Never Think Twice. 3.20

2.20 DOM RUIMART CHAMPAGNE SUNDAY MARDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,625: 67) (11 runners)

2.50 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,648: 61) (6)

3.20 TJH GROUP LINGFIELD SUNDAY HANDICAP

3.50 sunday express best for sport handicap (23.501: 1m 2f) (7)

9-4 Somel Bride, 11-4 Centus, 11-2 Apollono, 13-2 North Reel, 10-1 others 4.20 DISPLAYCRAFT SELLING STAKES

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

2.10 racing north nursery handicap

2.40 CALDER PRINT LIMITED STAKES (£2,892: 1m 4i 93yd) (4)

3.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0; £3,453: 71) (6) 83 DAWAM ALLAL 7 M Saves 9-0 P Robinson of MULTITIONE 30 J Ensises 9-0 J Carrair 23 MOSET RUSHT 15 (SP) J J Drakel 9-9 J Fortises 52 SHOCKMATARA 11 M Stories 9-0 M Birch 10 WILDHOOR 16 J Bethell 9-0 S Drowns DOUBLE RUSHT M Jobesson 6-9 T Williams

3.40 ST OSWALDS HOSPICE SELLING STAKES (£2,253: 6f) (9)

8 3300 DOUBLE OSCAR 15 (B.D.F.) M Johnston 3-9-0. I Williams 9 3366 HOH MAJESTIC 44 (V.C.F.6) M Wans 3-9-0. L Charnock.

4.10 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£7,198: 1m) (10) 

4.40 NORTHERN ELECTRIC TELECOM HANDICAP (£3,696: 1m 2i 32yd) (7)

MOTOR RALLYING: BRITISH CHAMPION MAKES EARLY EXIT ON LONG-AWAITED RETURN FROM EXILE

# McRae plots course of long road back

AT THE end of last season, they put the laurels around the neck of Alister McRae and showed him the promised lands. Sweden, Malaysia, Argentina, and the rest of the countries hosting the world rally championship events were spread out before him like staging posts in a new adventure. The backwaters of Co Down and the woods of Armagh on a cloudy weekend in August were not on the

McRae had just won the Mobil I/Top Gear British Rally Championship for the first time, after all. His elder brother, Colin, became Britain's first world rally champion soon afterwards. The experts said Alister could be even quicker than his sibling. the senior partner in a Scottish rallying dynasty. Everyone thought that the leading manufacturers would be queueing up to sign him.

He set his sights on a drive with Ford and, at one stage, they told him to have his helmet and overalls ready. But when they signed Carlos Sainz, his brother's arch-rival, there were rumours that the Spaniard would not countenance driving alongside another McRae. By the time he was told the bad news in March, it was too late. There were no vacancies, not in the world championship, not even

in the British championship. He has done other things, of course, between then and now, He has visited some of those promised lands, making preparatory notes for his brother, and he won the first two rounds of this year's British championship in Wales and England, albeit in cars ineligible to score points, designed only to show that he could handle the equipment he should have been driving on the world stage.

In the first day of the Stena Line Ulster Rally yesterday, the pervading feeling that British rally fans have been robbed of the chance to see one of the country's leading talents this season continued when McRae was forced to retire just 42 miles into the second stage, near Newry. Gearbox problems crippled the Volks-wagen Golf he had been given to drive in this event and it is now unlikely that he will take any further part in this year's championship. It seems like a criminal waste of talent.

"It has been a frustrating year for me," McRae, 25, said yesterday. "I am the British champion, my brother is the world champion and I still did not manage to get into either championship. I have got the name but I have also proven beyond doubt that I'm quick. It has just been a case of trying to gain experience by doing odd events and helping Colin with his gravel notes.

"The main aim for me now is to have another try at getting into the world championship next season, but I am not going to put all my eggs into one basket. A drive in the British championship with some world championship experience thrown in would be ideal, but I know now that it is



McRae negotiates a corner in the Ulster Rally before gearbox problems forced his withdrawal on the second stage

not an ideal world. It has not been a totally wasted year because I have had some experience in the type of fourwheel drive cars I would use in the world championship.

"In some ways, though, I was on a hiding to nothing in those events because everyone was expecting us to win anyway. This weekend. I had hoped to be asked to push the car a little bit further. I tried it out on the Donegal Rally recently and we only managed three stages. This time it was two, we seem to be going backwards. There is nothing

more I can say." Despite this latest setback, McRae's father, Jimmy, a fivetimes winner of the British rally championship, is stoical about Alister's reversal of fortunes this season, ready to put it down to rallying politics. But he is adamant that he can emulate Colin's achievements.

"Alister is not the type to lose his motivation," his father said. "He has kept his hand in with some testing and some events and, given the opportunity, he can be every bit as good as Colin. Colin has got a lot of natural talent and he

from the start. Alister is a bit more like I used to be.

"He is more of a worker and a thinker. He thinks his way through rallies. Everything he has done, whether it is on motocross bikes or in cars, he has ended up as good as Colin. In my mind, if he has the chance, he will be right up there with him again soon.

IN BRIEF

### Nations to discuss England's peace plan

TOM KIERNAN, the chairman of the five nations' committee, has called a meeting of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France to debate England's future in the five nations' rugby union championship on Monday night. England yesterday submitted to the other four nations fresh proposals designed to end the dispute over television rights that has resulted in their expulsion from the five nations' championship.
The non-English nations

will meet to consider England's document," Kiernan said. "We will then contact the Rugby Football Union with our reactions."

#### Final prospect

Cricket: The 30th Cricketer Cup final, to be played at Roehampton tomorrow will pit Bradfield Waifs against Uppingham Rovers. Bradfield include two Hampshire players of the recent past in Nicholas, their captain, and

#### Fittipaldi fear

Motor racing: Emerson Fittipaldi, recovering from a serious neck injury suffered in a crash last weekend, said yesterday that he may never race again. Fittipaldi, 49. fractured the seventh cervical vertebra in his neck after crashing into a wall at 230mph during the Marlboro 500 in Michigan on Sunday.

#### Texas fall short

Polo: Nutcrackers beat Texas 7-6 in extra time in the semifinals of the four-chukka Holden White Tournament during the Cowdray Park Club's Goodwood Week at Ambersham. Sussex, yesterday. In the semi-final for the Ruins Cup. Los Locos (re-ceived 12) defeated People Skills by 712 goals to seven.

#### Johnston task

Bowls: Margaret Johnston defends her singles and pairs titles in the eighth women's world championships, which start at Victoria Park. Royal Learnington Spa today and run to August 18.

**GOLF** 

### Bjorn free to take advantage of stalls

FROM MEL WEBB IN GOTHENBURG

THE second round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters at Forsgårdens yesterday evolved into a day of gentle deceleration by some of the luxury limousines and the almost apologetic advance of a number of homelier family saloons. It was not a day to be a golfing Jaguar; the humble Ford was an altogether better

At the end of it all, lan Woosnam had all sorts of calamities in a 79 that saw him squeeze through on the cut mark of four over par, the same score as Bernhard Langer. Sam Torrance took his leave of Sweden on seven over. and although John Daly and Colin Montgomerie made the cut more easily, they have parcels of shots to make up on the leader, Thomas Bjorn, of

Denmark. The Danes do not immediately spring to mind when looking for winners of PGA European Tour events, pri-marily because not one of them has yet actually achieved the feat. Anders Sorensen, a man of charming demeanour but modest achievement, is the nearest the country has had to a golfing superstar; if Bjorn wins, he will surpass the career highlight of his compatriotin his first season

on the tour. Bjorn, who followed his 67 in the first round with a 68 for a total of 135, nine under par. leads Santiago Luna by three shots with Russell Claydon a further stroke behind and Miguel Martin, Silvio Grappasonni and Jean Van de Velde on four under. With the greatest of respect to all of them, it is not a glittering

leaderboard. Bjorn bogeyed the 1st and 10th, each time missing par ( putts from eight feet, but sprinkled his card with six birdies on a day of sunshine and the sort of buffeting breezes that were just strong enough to be an irritant. They did not, it must be said,

disturb him a jot. Daly, meanwhile, was reflecting on the 89 with which he plunged out of the Dutch Open a week before to the day. "It's a hell of a score to make when you're trying." he said "I was hitting six-irons just to make sure I broke a hundred. There are days when your body doesn't do what your mind wants it to." Take one brisk pace forward all those weekend golfers who know

### exactly what he meant. **Family** matter lacks finale

DENNY LUCAS and Shaun Webster, two 19-year-olds, will contest the 36-hole final of the 66th English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, today after dashing Ian and Carl Richardson's dreams of a unique family affair (Patricia Davies writes).

Father and son have never met in the final of the English but the Richardsons reached the semi-finals before Ian. 50. fell to Lucas and Carl, 19, lost to Webster.

In a sense, Lucas is defending the title, for he is a member of Worksop, the home club of Mark Foster. who won the championship in 1994 and 1995. Lucas was never behind against Richardson père, who set off down the Ist as his son battled down the 21st in his quarter-final against Justin Rose.

Richardson admitted that his mind was not on his own match at first and he lost three holes in a row after losing a ball at the 2nd. It was a deficit he never made up and he was quick to say that Lucas, a composed young man, had

played the better golf.
Richardson fils performed heroics in the morning, to come from three down after ten holes to defeat Rose. 16. from Hampshire, on the 22nd. It was a tense, enthralling struggle that did credit to both

players.
At the 21st, Richardson stayed alive by holing a birdie putt of 25 feet after bunkering his second. Both missed the green at the next and, for once, Rose failed to get up and down, missing from five feet. while Richardson holed from half that distance.

In the afternoon, Webster always had the edge after winning the 6th with a birdie four and he closed out the match at the 16th by hitting a sand-iron to two inches for his sixth birdie.

# Broncos' new signing poised to buck traditions of past

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AS LONDON Broncos finally paraded Martin Offiah yesterday, it emerged that Shaun Edwards, his former team-mate at Wigan and the Great Britain captain, has held preliminary discussions with Keighley Cougars about a player-coaching

The first division side approached Edwards, 29, as a replacement for Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach. who left last month. Allan Clarkson, a Keighley director, described him as a first choice. Edwards, who is known to have coaching ambitions at

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Wigan, said: "I've heard they're interested and that's all I can say at

debut, against Warrington, could see

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The consensus is that Edwards will remain at Central Park. He missed Wigan's last two games amid reports . that he is unhappy. Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said: "Shaun is still a contracted player with us until the end of 1997 and we expect him to honour that."

Details of the Bedford rugby union half of Offiah's joint-ownership with the Broncos and, more particularly, how he will divide his time, will be announced next week. His London their first 10,000-plus crowd at The Valley. Charlton, tomorrow.

RUGBY LEAGUE: EDWARDS PONDERS COACHING MOVE AS ELLIOTT STEPS UP FROM UNDERSTUDY AT BRADFORD

After a week of delay caused by Bedford's difficulties with Offiah's loyalty contract to the Super League, Barry Maranta, the Broncos' chairman, was delighted to welcome his man. "Martin had to go north to play professionally but this shows young-sters can now stay in the capital." he said. "He is quite an icon to rugby league and professional sport in this

country. Offiah, 29, who has aspirations to play both codes at international level. said: "I'm just happy to be here and I'm looking forward to this challenge. The fact that I'm from London was a

Maranta said that the combined deal had involved much compromise. A possible hitch to Offiah's earmarked home debut for Bedford, against Nottingham, on September 7. would be if the Broncos made the Super League play-offs final at Old Trafford the next day.

Bradford Bulls also showed off Matthew Elliott, the youngest Super League coach at 31, and former assistant at Odsal to Brian Smith, who is leaving at the end of the season for Parramatta. Continuity is behind the two-year appointment. Bradford rejected several high-profile candidates in favour of the young

"Under Brian, I've been able to develop my own skills, as well as get an insight into a very special coaching philosophy," Elliott said. "We don't want to be labelled a flash-inthe-pan side, and there's a risk of that happening if we don't continue to

build on the success here." Elliott played for the Australian clubs St George and Eastern Suburbs before retiring with a knee injury. He confirmed that he would like Brian Noble to step up from part-

### time coach to join the full-time staff.

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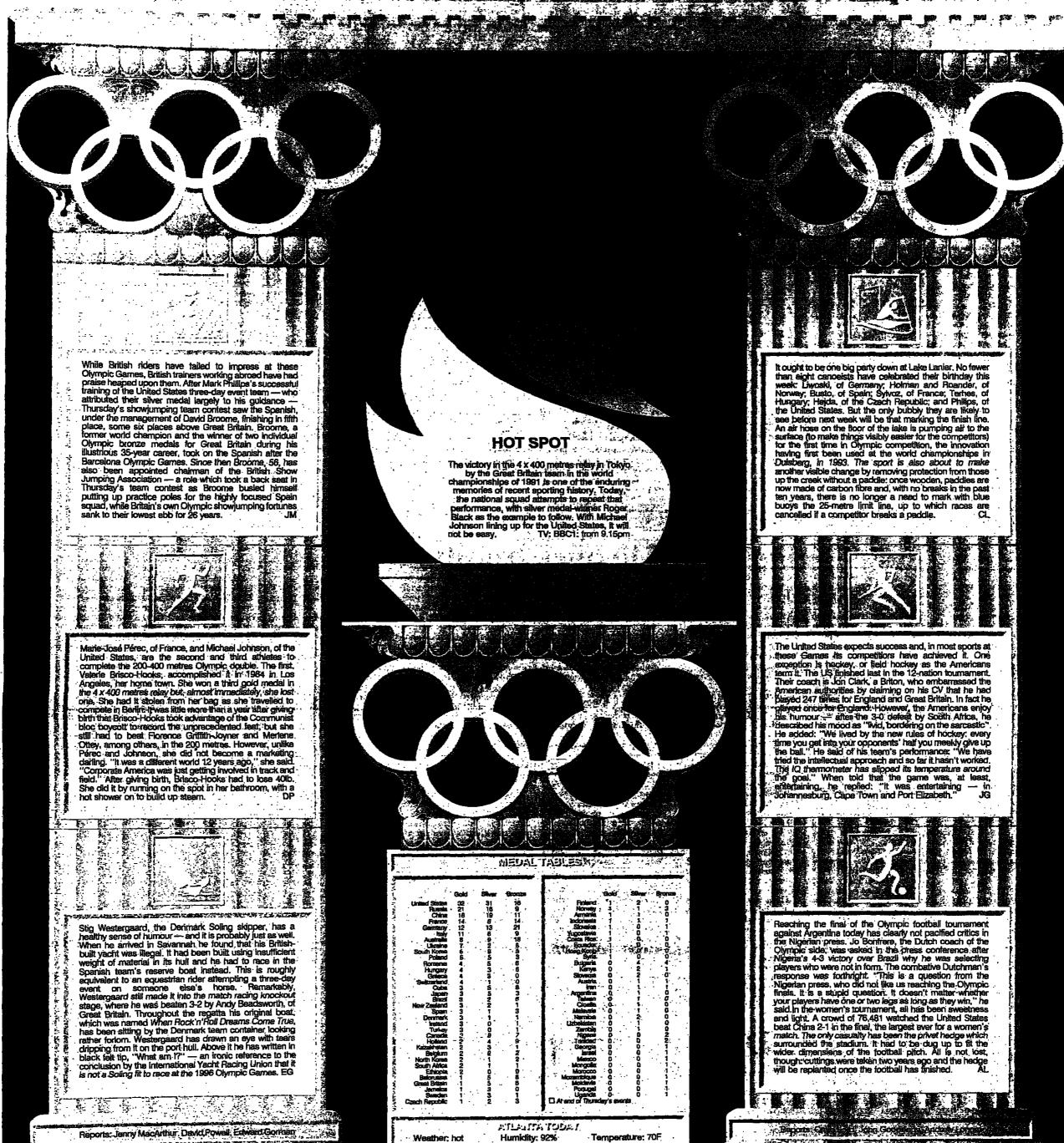
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(01.00) and final (03.00). Women: Play-offs: (15.00, 17.00, 20.00 and 22.00). BOXING: Finals: Light-flyweight, bantam-

weight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and heavyweight (from 18.30).

CANOEING: Sprint finals: Men's 1,000m K1 (14,00); men's 1,000m C1 (14,25); women's 500m K4 (14,50); men's 1,000m K2 (15,15); men's 1,000m C2 (15,40); men's 1,000m K4

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FOOTBALL: Men: Final (20.30).

GYMNASTICS: Women's individual rhythmic, semi-finals (15.00).

HANDBALL: Women's bronze medal match and final (20.30).

TENNIS: Men's singles, bronze medal match (15.00) and final (18.00); women's doubles, final (21.00). VOLLEYBALL: Women's bronze medal match. and final (17.00).

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light-welterweight, light-middleweight, light-heavyweight, super-heavyweight (from 18.30). CANOEING: Sprint finals (all 500m): Men's K1 (14.00); men's C1 (14.20); women's K1 (14.40); men's K2 (15.40); men's K2 (15.40).

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**OLYMPIC GAMES:** CUBAN BOXER SEEKS SPARK TO RETAIN TITLE AND REALISE HIS OWN GOLD DREAM

# Hernandez tiring of same punchline

become dominant in

Olympic boxing, says

Andrew Longmore

IN an album in his house outside Pinar del Rio, Ariel Hernandez keeps a wisp of bloodied cotton wool tucked between the photographs of his life. It reminds the Cuban middleweight, who many regard as the best pound-for-pound amateur boxer in the world, of his friend and mentor, Roberto Balado, the superheavyweight gold medalwinner at Barcelona, who was killed in a road accident two years ago. Hernandez was at Balado's bedside when he died. He found the cotton wool in his hand when he got home.

There has been little to shout about in the boxing arena over the past ten days. The standard is low, the scoring system oblique, the refereeing absurdly pedantic and the Cubans are professionals when everyone else, bar a few of the German

soldiers, are amateurs. Even Hernandez, you sense, is beginning to lose interest. Several times during his Olympic preparations, he dis-appeared from the Cubans' training headquarters at La Finca, a farmhouse outside Havana, and, in his semi-final victory over the United States middleweight champion. Rhoshii Wells, he seemed to be boxing in his sleep. When comparisons to Sugar Ray Leonard and Roy Jones fall so easily from the lips of respected judges, when you have a brand new white Lada in the garage, respect from everyone on the streets of Havana and an Olympic gold in the cabinet, what pleasure is there in beating up a raw 19-year-old from Riverdale, Georgia?

"I sense he is getting tired." Jesse Ravallo, assistant coach of the United States team, said in the aftermath of Hernandez's 17-8 points win over Wells. "He's been doing this a long time now. After a while, the motivation goes." Hernandez is only 24, but



A Cuban welterweight, left, takes some punishment before achieving another victory for his country, who have dominated the boxing tournament

Ravallo should know. He defected from Cuba after winning gold at the Pan-American games in Winnipeg in 1967. "If Ariel turned pro, he could be as good as Roy Jones. He's so quick, such a smart fighter. he makes you do things you don't want to do then picks on your mistakes. Our guys are too inexperienced. The Cubans just go on from Olympics to Olympics, they intimidate a lot of their opponents before

they step into the ring." in a bizarre conclusion to the evening. Felix Savon, fivetimes world champion heavyweight, came into the ring for his semi-final, put on his gloves and head protector and corner. One report had it that his opponent, Luan Krasniqi, of Germany, was forbidden to fight by the team doctor after suffering from an injured hand and a cut under his eye; another that the German had simply decided to settle for bronze rather than fight for gold. Few would care to blame him, but the dominance of the Cubans bodes ill for the Olympic future of boxing.

We should enjoy Hernandez while we can. Ravallo believes he is the ideal product of the Cuban system. They like to get them tall and lean, with fast feet and quick hands. Hernandez has all those quali-

The Cubans are a good act.

They come to the ring wearing the glitziest dressing-gowns. they bow, they usually win, they bow again, despite the jeers, and they go, without saying a word. None of the Cuban team will talk to the press. Hernandez always presents his opponent with a pennant before his bouts and was up and away. goes over to the opposite

disconcerted young Wells.

Before the fight, the young
American heard how his coaches wanted him to box. Go out and jump on him, they said, but Wells was only 19 and in his first Olympics he was up against the best Cuban fighter of his generation.

corner to shake his opponent's

hand, a gesture which clearly

Jump on him? Wells came out, caution on his mind, hands held high. Hernandez, with a longer reach and a faster punch, picked him off at long range from his southpaw stance. By the time, Wells had remembered what he was supposed to do, Hernandez

"We had two choices." Ravallo said. "We could make it a boring fight or go out and pressure him. We changed our strategy. We wanted Rhoshii to have a rumble with him. but Hernandez was too smart. He did what he had to do and then did nothing." Another two rounds, Ravallo said. and the result might have been different. He was kidding no

was unimpressed. "He's just an ordinary boxer who moves good. He ain't as good as veryone thinks he is," he said.

The problem is that no one will know how good Hernandez really is. He is the property of the Cuban government, paid and protected by the Castro regime. Tonight, he will defend his Olympic title against Malik Beyleroglu, of Turkey. Gold should be a formality, but his real ambition is to have his picture mounted on the Wall of Champions in the trophy room at La Finca. Only three other boxers have made it: Teofilio Stephenson, Savon and, of

# Britain fail to realise great expectations

Jenny MacArthur looks at the reasons

for failures in equestrianism in Atlanta

summing up of his showjumping team's performance in Thursday's team contest, where they finished joint-elev-enth, their worst Olympic result since the Games in Rome in 1960, could apply to the entire British equestrian effort in Atlanta. "Everything's gone wrong," he complained. "We came with great expectations and ended with

nothing."
As the formidable German team, winners of the gold medal in Seoul, swept to victory ahead of the United States, and while Brazil, the bronze medal-winners, celebrated their first Olympic equestrian medal.

the British were left to wonder how a team containing three of the best riders in the world had failed so completely to perform

Nick Skelton, whose opening eight faults on Showtime started the downward spiral, had no excuses. "I'm still trying to work out what went wrong. Showtime was jumping well," he said.
Michael Whitaker's Two

Step was a disaster from the start. The 13-year-old gelding. who won the £100,000 Calgary Grand Prix and the European championships silver medal last year, was intimi-dated each time he entered the

Geoff Billington was the only rider to have a clear round, but that came too late to compensate for his opening 12 faults on It's Otto. When the usually reliable John Whitaker, on Welham, collected 12.75 faults in the second round, refusing at the final fence. Great Britain's humiliation was complete.

Massarella thought the

RONNIE MASSARELLA'S coddled" the horses too much since their arrival in Atlanta three weeks ago. "We may not have jumped them enough," he said. "At home, they jumped nearly every day, but here we were worried that the weather might take it out of them so we tended not to overjump them."

Undoubtedly, the Germans, with their highly-structured breeding programme, have more horses to choose from. The incomparable Ludger Beerbaum, who defends his individual Olympic title tomorrow, repeatedly deferred praise for his two faultless rounds on Thursday to his mare. Ratina. "She's the best in the world," he

said. "What can make you more 'I'm trying confident than to work out horse is capable of jumping anywhat went wrong'

However. more significant reason for the Ger-

man victory was hinted at by Herbert Meyer, their trainer, who, when asked the secret of his team's success, said: "We work together for a long time. We planned these Olympic Games four years ago.'

Such was their planning that even an early disaster. when their world champion. Franke Sloothaak, fell and retired, could be overcome.

This is the lesson which Michael Bates, chairman of the British Equestrian Federation, is taking home. "We must analyse what went wrong and then, on Tuesday, start a fouryear plan. It has cost more than £400,000 to send our three teams out here and we are all going to go back a little

Skelton, John Whitaker and Billington all compete tomorin the individual showjumping contest. the fi-

# **Beadsworth loses** gold opportunity

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SAVANNAH

ANDY BEADSWORTH, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead. the Great Britain crew, fell out of the battle for gold and silver in the Soling class yesterday after losing 3-0 to the German. Jochen Schumann. This left the Britons in a sail-off for bronze against the American crew led by Jeff Madrigali. who had also lost 3-0 to the Russian Georgiy Shayduko.

Beadsworth, who was visibly angry after losing to Schumann, got his act together in the first race against the Americans. He won the start and had a good lead during the first two legs. Madrigali caught up to within five boat lengths up the second beat, but Beadsworth held on to win by that margin.

With the breeze dropping to three knots, racing was then postponed. This left Beadsworth in position to claim the bronze medal by virtue of that single victory, if there was no further racing. This result would confirm Great Britain as the only nation apart from Brazil to have won three medals in

yachting at these Games. It was always going to be a tall order against Schumann for a place in the final. The German had come here with superior boat speed and steady nerves. He won the fleet racing with six top-five speed to good effect against Beadsworth in the first two

Britain's three-time national match-racing champion must have been hoping for a replay of his recovery from 2-0 down against Stig Westergaard, of Denmark in the quarterfinals, as he crossed the start line to windward and pointing higher than the German. By the windward mark he was two boat lengths ahead but then Schumann turned it on down the run, sailing through

Schumann was inside at the mark and a boat length ahead. Then, two thirds of the way up the beat came the moment when Beadsworth's hopes of gold were dashed. Ahead and to leeward, he tacked onto port too close to the German on starboard, who had to alter course. Beadsworth lost the ensuing protest and could not win with a penalty from there In the final, Shayduko a former European and world champion in the Flying Dutchman class, appeared to

have the first race sown up against Schumann as he led the German by 18 seconds at the leeward mark. But Schumann then sailed an incredible beat to convert what appeared to be a hopless position into a 12-second lead at the second windward mark. He then won comfortably to have the psychological advan-

tage going into race two.

# Athletics manager with the Midas touch

David Powell meets the failed footballer who has contributed to the golden achievements of some of the world's best athletes

Aberdeen · Football 'Grey skies, soft grass, a lot of mud between the posts," is his main recollection. A far cry from Atlanta's blue skies, token grass and high humidity. How distant is the memory, as he sits in five-star luxury at the Olympic Games, of the depth of my client base, I have little money he lived on, and better odds at gold than they do." he said. Going for gold the modest digs he shared beats going in goal.

As well as Johnson, Hunt's with two other young players. 17 years ago.

Hunt was an "athletic" custodian but never, he admitted. close to making the first team. Yet he has reached the pinnade as a manager. Not of footballers, but of athletes. Pick your best XI for a world track and field team and, the chances are, Hunt would manage half of them.

gotiates for Michael Johnson and several other leading athletes. Hunt is a commanding presence in the Olympic pearances on a commercial shoot-out. "Because of the

clients include Dan O'Brien, Jonathan Edwards, Gwen Torrence and Mike Powell. "I do not know if there is another manager who is managing as many million dollar athletes," he said. Probably not.

Johnson's 1996 endorse-ment contract with Nike is worth \$600,000. O'Brien's As the man who takes with Foot Locker and Nike is between ten and 25 per cent of worth a similar amount, and Torrence has a \$3 million deal over four years. Each athlete has several other smaller sponsors and personal ap-

footing come at between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a day. Hunt's first step to a business which grossed in excess of \$4 million last year was precipitated by the closure of the football club for which he played after returning home to the United States. He decided to combine his business education with his football knowledge and was taken

coming to represent Sebastian Coe. "That really taught me a lot. noticed he had not changed how an athlete of his calibre

on by International Manage-

ment Group (IMG), eventual-

thinks and prepares for top international competition. Before my first substantive meeting with Seb, I had been given three or four weeks to organise a European schedule for him, my first opportunity to show how hard I was going to work for him. This was the guy who was setting world

records in half his races. "I had spoken with all the meet promoters, had negotiated what I considered to be top appearance fees. Seb just sat back, nodded approvingly, recognising the effort 1 had put into it. Then he took the pen, took what had been 12 races, put a line through six of them, and gave it back to me. I

right, we should be able to running half as many races. The light bulb went on immediately. Here was the clearest illustration of much of my business training. Limit the supply, increase the demand." Hunt left IMG in 1985. "My

ambition exceeded their comfort, so it was my way or highway, and I went the highway," he said. After working briefly in television and for another sports marketing company, he started up Gold Medal Management in 1991.

Johnson, Hunt's star signing, could be top scorer come the end of the Games, one chance taken, with a hat-trick in prospect. As the Olympic spin-offs pick up. Johnson will tell you that he could not be in safer hands than those which once kept goal at Aberdeen.

### ATLANTA BRIEFS

### Australia's dreams are dashed

THE Dream Team reached the final of the Olympic men's basketball tournament after beating Australia 101-73 in a semi-final that saw the United States team of professional players stretched for the first 15 minutes when the score was 36-36. They meet Yugoslavia in the final today.

"This is the proudest I've been of this team because we had to compete," Charles Barkley, who led the Americans with 24 points, said.

#### Streetwise

Archery: A Californian student who practises at home by shooting arrows through his garage door from across the street, left the world's best archers trailing to win the Olympic men's gold medal. Roared on by a partisan crowd. Justin Huish, 21. convincingly beat Magnus Petersson. of Sweden, and reaffirmed American dominance in men's target archery.

#### Home win

Football: A record crowd of more than 75,000 supporters roared the United States to a 2-1 victory over China on Thursday to win the first women's Olympic title. The winning goal came in the 68th minute from Tiffeny Mibrett.

# Drop out of top six leaves Britain in exile

also faded out.

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain's hockey campaign in the 1990 Olympic Games ended on Thursday with the men in seventh position and the women losing the bronze medal play-off to Holland after a penalty shoot-out.

The immediate effect of the drop from sixth position by the men's team will be felt by its exclusion from the next two Champions Trophy competitions - at the end of the year in Madras and at Adelaide in 1997. Furthermore, invitations to play in international tournaments abroad will not be pouring in.

With the break-up of the Olympic team, the immediate need is a rethink on the position of manager and coach and the criteria for selection. From now on, everything will be geared to the 1998 World Cup at Utrecht, in Holland. for which England have already

qualified. The men's event here will be remembered for its early series of shock results, which had a distinct bearing on the qualification for the semi-finals. The 3-0 defeat of Pakistan by Spain

and Argentina's 1-0 victory over India started an Asian slide which led to the failure of both the leading Asian teams to qualify for the semi-finals. South Korea, who began with high hopes,

The balance of power shifted to European teams, three of which -Spain, Holland and Germany qualified for the semi-finals with Australia, whose hopes were extinguished with a 2-1 defeat by Spain. Holland beat Germany 3-1.

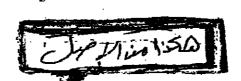
In a bruising battle for fifth place yesterday. South Korea finally sub-

dued Pakistan by defeating them 3-1, After losing 4-3 to Britain. India settled for eighth place, their lowest position in the competition.

Meanwhile, the International Hockey Federation announced changes in the rules. The World Cup-holders will no longer gain automatic qualification for the Olympic. There will be three points for a win instead of two and one for a draw in all future international competition.

The women's event ended on Thursday night with a 3-1 victory for Australia over South Korea in the final.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: BRITAIN'S FORMER WORLD RECORD-HOLDER POISED TO TAKE ON FAVOURITE ZELEZNY IN JOUST FOR JAVELIN GOLD

# Backley climbs straight into final reckoning

From David Powell, athletics correspondent, in atlanta

STEVE BACKLEY, a bronze championships, but has little medal-winner for Great Brit-ain at the Barcelona Games four years ago, progressed into the final of the Olympic javelin competition here yes-terday no less efficiently than the favourite, Jan Zelezny, from the Czech Republic.

Backley was on crutches in May, after an operation to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon, at the time when Zelezny threw the first athletics world record of the season. Backley has had only two competitions since returning. but exceeded the automatic qualifying distance with his first throw yesterday to reach the final today.

Backley, the European champion and former world record holder, recorded 84.14 metres, needing 83.00 metres to guarantee his place in the final 12. That meant he did not need to throw again and he finished third in Group B.

Zelezny's world record stands at 98.48 metres and he arrived in Atlanta as one of the hottest favourites. He, too, qualified with is first throw, 86.52 metres, winning the group in which Backley was competing. Tom Pukstys, of the United States, was second in the group with \$4.70 metres. Nick Nieland, from Britain. failed to progress with 75.74 metres.

However, Zelezny's throw was not the best of the qualifying round. In Group A. Kostas Gatsioudis threw 87.12 metres to set a Greece national record. Gatsioudis, 22, was third in the 1992 world junior

record at senior level. In the 4 x 400 metres relay.

Great Britain took an expected place in the semi-finals. Roger Black, the individual silver medal winner, was rested but Britain, probably the only team with a chance of upsetting the United States, has strength in depth in its squad and could afford that luxury.

Robert Korzeniowski, of Poland, who won the 50 kilometre walk yesterday, ascribed his success to his unusual training regime, which involved daily cross-border tripes between two countries.

I woke up in France, where I had my breakfast, and then walked across the border into Belgium for the morning, then back to France for lunch," the 28-year-old said. "My base in France is about one kilometre from where I cross the border into Belgium. There is very little traffic on the roads where I was training. It was perfect.

"But I don't just train in Belgium and France, I like to move around. I've been to Portugal, up to the high altitude of Johannesburg and, of course, to Poland. Sports scientists say that all the travelling isn't good for me but my success today and the success I have had before proves that I am doing something right."

Korzenioswki, who celebrat-

ed his birthday on Wednesday, had more cause for rejoicing yesterday by putting the disappointments of the Barcelona Olympics and the 1993 world championships in Stuttgart behind him. An

occupational risk for walkers is being disqualified for lifting — failing to keep at least one foot in continuous contact with the ground. Korzeniowski said those two disqualifications

Korzeniowski, eighth in the 20 kilometre walk a week ago, said he knew he had the race won with four kilometres to go when he opened a 30-second over Mikhail Shchennikov, of Russia, who finished with the silver after winning a duel with Valentin Massana, of Spain, the former world champion.

Korzeniowski, Poland's first athletics gold medal winner for 16 years, finished in 3hr 43min 30sec, I6sec ahead of Shchennikov. Massana clocked 3:44.19 to take the

Du'aine Ladejo, of Britain, who failed to qualify for the 400 metres final, has said he plans to move to the 100 metres and 200 metres before the Sydney Games. Ladejo plans radical changes to his schedule in the next four

was not able to go out on a very high note," he said. "This doesn't mean I'm not coming back to the 400 but it means that I will be moving on to something that I've wanted to do since I was six years old, and that's compete in the 100 and 200." Ladejo earned a stern rebuke from Roger Black, the 400 metres silver medal winner, for his pre-Games boast that he could



Kelly Holmes, of Britain, eases past Regina Jacobs in the 1,500 metres semi-final

# Pérec possesses the spirit of a model champion

FROM DAVID POWELL

t 5ft llin, with her long and pinhead Marie-José Pèrec circles the track like the Eiffel Tower come to life. France beat the United States to an Olympic 200 and 400 metres double by 15 minutes here in Atlanta on Thursday evening when Perec added the half-lap title to the full-lap gold she had won on Monday, jumping the

gun on Michael Johnson. When she was 13, Pérec was nicknamed "Sugar Cane". dominating the court in basketball and volleyball, using those games as an excuse for escaping athletics. She was born in Guadeloupe, a French administrative district, and not until she was 16 did her

potential as a runner surface. A visiting French coach timed her for 200 metres and told her she had qualified her for the French championships. "I did not know what the Olympic Games were then," Perec, who would come to be know as La Gazelle in the French media, said. Eight years later, she won her first Olympic title, the 400 metres, at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

Pérec was born in poverty and raised by her grandmother in Guadeloupe, which is shaped like a butterfly. She floats like one. Her accelera-tion past Merlene Ottey in the last few strides of the 200 metres was an impressive

Although she has a reput ation for being difficult and arrogant, Pérec revealed a generosity of spirit when she said that she was "disturbed" at denying Ottey. Born in Jamaica 38 days after Linford Christie was, 36 years ago,

Ottey appeared to be on the threshold of her first individual Olympic title after one silver and four bronze medals. "When I crossed the line I was quite happy but also, some-where inside, I was sad,"

Perec said of denying Ottey. When Pérec won in Barcelona, she recorded 48.83sec. She was asked if she felt capable of taking Marita Koch's world record of 47.60sec and took the opportunity to make known her views on East Germany's state-run

drug programme.
For me, 47.60 does not really count," Perec said. "I think the world record is the race I ran today." While .Koch's mark, and Florence Griffith-Joyner's 200 metres world record, remain out of reach, she has been experimenting with the 400 metres hurdles because she believes. only in that event, is the world record within reach of her long levers. "My career would not be complete without a world record," she said.

Dérec lives now in Malibu, California, far away from Paris, where she could not walk the streets without hassle. She has made her name in Paris fashion modelling for Paco Rabanne and taking courses in clothes design.

Of the four gold medals decided on Thursday, only Pérec's was not from the host nation. Dan O'Brien, the decathlon world record-holder, won his first Olympic title, Derrick Adkins won the 400 metres hurdles in his home town; and there was the other MJ; hot on the heels of Marie-

#### YES TERDAY STESULIS FROM ATLANTA

FRIST ROUND: United States bt Indonesia 251-245; Ulcrame bt Carnada 238-225; Freiand bt France 245-244; Italy bt Talwan 244-243; Sloveria bt Pursea 242-241; Swedan bt Kazakesin 247-246; Australia bt Crima 243-240; South Kornes bye.

QUARTER-FINALS: South Korne bt Slovenia 251-249; Australia bt Sewadan 253-241; United States bt Ulcraine 251-240; Italy bt Fintand 252-249.

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#### Athletics Men's 4 x 100 metres relay

Men's 4 x 100 metres relay

HEATS (first two in each heat and 6 testest losers to semi-finals): Heat one; 1, Urraine (K. Rurak, S. Dologodin, S. Coowch, D. Krameriko) 38,905ec; 2, Brazil 38,97; equal 3, Ghers and Nejeris 39 47, 5, Cameron 38 81; 5, St Vincent and the Granedines 40,54; 7, Mauritus 40,92; 8, Lace 44,14 Heat two: 1, Canada (D. Baley, G. Gibert, B. Surin, C. Chambers) 38,62; 2, Germany 38,77; 3, Sierra Loone 39,94, 4, St Kits and News 40 12; 5, Equatorial Guinee 45 63; Papua New Guinee did not firish. Japan Gisqualified. Heat three: 1, Urraed States (T. Harden, J. Drummond, D. Mitchell, T. Montgomeny) 38,58; 2, Sweden 39,02; 3, Bahamas 39,33; 4, Thatand 39,90; 5, Fij 40,23; Great Britain (D. Bratilmoute, D. Campbell, O. Dako, A. Jarrett) did not finish Heat four: 1, Jamaica II, Gordon, R. Stewant, M. Green, P. Spennad, 39,21; 2, Spain 39,35; 3, kony Coast 39,43; 4, Togo 39,56; 5, Gabon 39,97; 5, Benna 40,79; 7, Gambla 41,80; tably did not finish Heat five: 1, Australia (Fersens, M. Loubert, M. Lachook, C. Mackenzie) 38,97; 5, Benna 40,79; 7, Gambla 41,80; tably did not finish Heat five: 1, Australia (Fersens, M. Loubert, M. Lachook, C. Mackenzie) 39,93; 2, France 39,00; 3, Cube 39,14; 4, Australa 39, 80; 5, Cypna 40,08; 6, Libena 40,18; 7, British Virgin Istands 41,26; Creeca disqualified

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20192; 3, Brazil 5/02.51; 4, Australia 3/03.73;
5, St. Lucina 3/02.51; 6, Fig. 3-10.67; 7, Stern
Lacine 3/11.65 Heat two; 1, United States (A.
Neybank, D. Mills, L. Smith, J. Pouser) 3/03.55;
6, Fuscina 3/04.73; 3, Grana 3/05.53; 4, Cube
3/15.75; 5, Caster 3/08.25; 6, Antigue 3/09.46;
7, Lescriba 3/16.75; A familia 3/09.46;
7, Lescriba 3/16.75; 6, Fig. 3/10.67; 3, Nigesta
3/12.75; 2, Senegal 3/02.61; 3, Nigesta
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3/12.75; 4, Switzariand 3/02.05; 5, Sr Vincent
and the Gersachies 3/05.52; 6, Emish Virgin
Islands 3/17.30; 7, Papua New Guntea
3/19.29; Heat four: 1, Jamaica (D. Blake, R.
Marritin, G. Haughton, G. Rubinson) 5/02.81; 2,
Italy 3/03.60; 3, South Aincs 3/03.79; 4,
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Basketball Men's play-offs ELEVENTH PLACE: Angola 99 Korea 61

#### Canoeing

Men's 500m Canadian singles MAIN'S SOUTH CARISCIANT SINGLES SEMERIALS (first two in each heat and lactest loser to final). Heat cener, 1, M Stantsklyy (Uler) 1min S2.08xer, 2, K Regodymev (Kaz) 1.52.42, 3, E Le Leuch (Fr) 1.53.30, 4, JM Crespo (Sp) 1.54.12, 5, F Haldu (Rom) 1.58.73, 8, A Platishita (Motol) 1.57.45, 7, S Peretra (Por) 1.57.94 Heat wod. 1.5 Gléss (Can) 1.51.61; 2, N Bukhelov (Sul) 1.51.91, 3, C Fraderitsen (Den) 1.52.17, 4, J Terrell (US) 1.54.08; 5, D Funiak (Col) 1.58.57, 6, Y Astanin (Lub) 1.59.04

Men's 500m Canadian pairs Men's 500m Canadian pairs
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(G. Andriev and G. Obreja). 1-41.65; 2, Moldova
N. Juranoch and V. Renelschill. 1-42.02; 3,
Spam (J.A. Bea and O. Shelestanico 11-42.33; 4,
Rissia (A. Kabanov and P. Konovalovi. 1-43.14;
S. Slovahis (C. Orosz and P. Palers). 1-43.75; 8,
Canada (A. Buday and T. Buday). 1-44.27; 7,
South Korae (Pan. Chang-Kiju and Jan.
Kwong-Rak). 1-44.45; 8, Poland. (P.
Baraszlesaniz; and M. Kobierski). 1-44.79; 9,
taly 1-47.55. Heat two: 1, Hungsry (C. Horvath
and G. Kolonics). 1-42.18; 2, Germany (A.
Dibmer and G. Kurchbach). 1-43.65; 3, Betorussia (A. Masseykov and D. Dovoglyonol).
1-43.93; 4, Budgaria (M. Mannov and B.
Stoyanov). 1-44.16; 5, Croabs (D. Funak and I.
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Sabjanj. 1-45.03; 7, Gress Britani (A. Tran
and S. Train). 1-45.63; 8, Kazukhstan. 1-45.95;
9, Ukrane 1-51.01

Men's 500m kayak singles

# Kolehmainen (Fin) 1-40 78; 4, R. Etban (Slovakis) 1.41.42; 5, P. Markiewicz (Pol) 141.58; 6, R. Chichtov (Can) 141.74; 7, 2 Antas (Hun) 1-41.87; 8, S. Kalesnik (Belo) 1-42.50; 9, S. Cuchin (Br) 1-43.04; Heet belo) 1-42.50; 9, S. Cuchin (Br) 1-40.31; 2, G. Mograt, (Rorn 11-40.61; 3, M. Garcas (Sp) 1-40.68; 4, C. McFactzess (Aus.) 1-41.08; 5, S. Verin (Pus.) 1-41.79; 5, V. Tereshchenko (July 1-41.88; 7, J. Correa (Arg.) 1-42.07; 8, M. Herbert (US) 1-42.33; 9, P. Merkov (Bul) 1-42.37

Men's 500m kayak pairs Kazanov and A Dusheyi 1 30 64, 4, Furgary (K Bardal and Z Gyutayi 1 30 72; 5, Spain (K Bardal and Z Gyutayi 1 30 72; 5, Spain (K Bardal and Z Gyutayi 1 30, 12; 5, Spain (L States (S Jorgenson and J Mooneyi 1 32.25; 7, Czsch Republic (K Lestine and J Polivia) 1:22:51; 8, Luthuenie (V Kupcrasias and V Moorey) 1:32:68; 9, Augertian 1 37:17. Heart two: 1, Germany (K Bluhm and T Gutsche) 1:39 88; 2, Futssai (D Gorothy and A Tischerinio) 1:30:33, 3, Poland (M Fremud and A Wysochi 1:30:24; 4, Romania (D Stoan and R Scharn) 1:30 65, 6, Portugal (R Fernancies and J Quellos) 1 31:55, 7, Sweden (M Qscarsson and S Malmsten) 1:31 81; 8, Belgium 1:34:80; 9, Ubbekistan 1:35:54.

Women's 500m kayak singles SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat and lastest loser to final) Heat one: 1, R Koban (Hum) 1:48.84: 2, S Gunnarsson (Swe) lastast lose to final). Heet one: 1, fill Roben-flum). 148.84; 2, S. Gunnarsson; (Swe). 149.88; 3, U. Protamer (Austre). 1, 50.05; 4, I. Heralemow. (Switz). 1, 50.62; 5, K. Borchert (Aus.). 1, 51.14; 5, B. Sanchez (Sp.). 1, 52.32; 7, A. Dellewey. (GB). 1, 55.84; 8, A. Michaut. (Fri. 1, 55.93; 9, Belbei. Goo, (China.). 157.49. Heat two: 1, J. Idem. (II). 1, 49.07; 2, C. Brunst. (Carl). 149.57; 3, 8. Fescher. (Garl.). 151.86; 4, A. Pastuszka. (Pol). 1, 53.25; 5, R. Nortje. (SA). 1, 63.61; 6, D. van. de Venne. (Bel). 1, 54.63; 7, L. Carmi. (Br.). 154.89; 8, S. Menuyerra. (Japan). 1, 54.84; 9, T. Phillips. (US). 1, 55.33

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3. Spain (R Aramburu and B Manchon)
1 44.43; 4. Canada (M-A) Globeau and C
Kennedy) 1 44.48; 5. France (S Kleinheitz and
S Loyeu) 1 48.58; 6. Romanta (S Toma and V
lordache) 1 47.06; 7. Libraine (K Yuncherko
and A Balabanova) 1 48.85; 6. Chies 1 49.18;
9. Great Britan H Gliby and A Throngood)
1 49.84. Heat truc: 1. Sweden (A Anderson
and S Gunnersson) 1 48.52; 2. Australia (K
Borchert and A Wood) 1 43.72; 3. Poland (I
Dykusels-Swedowlok and E Libranczy)
1 45.50; 5. Switzerland (D Baumer and I
Haralarnow) 1 46.62; 6. Bulgarta (B Pindzheva
and N Zeifrowa) 1 48.31; 7. Casch Republic
1 49.12; 8. United States 1:49.46; 9. Mesoco
1:52.05 Women's 500m kayak pairs

Handball Men's play-offs ELEVENTH PLACE: Brezil 31 Kuwait 25

Hockey Men's play-offs FIFTH PLACE: South Korea 3 Pakistan 1.

Yachting

SEMI-FINAL MATCH RACING: Germa Greet Britain (A Beadsworth, B Part Stead) 3-0; Russe bi United States 3-0

### Novotna collects her third medal

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

third Olympic tennis medal, and her first in singles, when she claimed the bronze yesterday, beating Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States 7-6, 6-4. It was at least a tangible reward for her defeat of the the No 1 seed, Monica Seles, in the quarter-finals, which was arguably the finest result in any of the tennis events at Stone Mountain. Fernandez fell short in a bid for her

fourth medal. In a 57-minute first set, Fernandez had a set point at 5-3 and another in the tiebreaker at 6-5, but Novotna came back and closed out the set with a pair of winners from the baseline. The Czech then broke the American's serve in the second set to lead 5-4, and, on match point, Fernandez

netted a forehand. Novotna and Fernandez will meet again today in the final of the women's dou-bles. Fernandez and Gigi Fernandez take on Novotna and Helena Sukova with a gold medal at stake. Andre Agassi clinched at

least a silver for the United States when he beat Leander Paes, of India, 7-6, 6-3. Agassi faces Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, in the men's final today, after the Spaniard beat Fernando Meligeni, of Brazil, 7-6, 6-2. "It would be unbelievable to win a gold medal," Agassi, the No I seed, said.

#### Archery Men's individual

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SEMI-FINALS: Hush bt Vermeiren 112-103; Petersson bt Ch Kyo-moon 112-109.

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Oh Kyo-moon (S Kor) bt Vermeiren 115-110

FINAL: J Hulah (US) bt M. Petersson (Swe) ...
112-107

#### Athletics

Men's 200 metres MBIT'S 2001 MICTIONS
SEMI-FINALS (first four in each heat to first)
Heat one: 1, M Johnson (US) 20:27sec; 2, 1
Gards (Cuba) 20:34; 3, 1 Williams (US)
20:39; 4, PStavens (Bol) 20:48; 5, F Collaborati
(Nigera) 20:56; 6, J Regis (GB) 20:56; 7, E
Tuffur (Schane) 20:51, 8, N de Sava (Trifi
21:28 Heat two: 1, F Fredericks (Nam)
19:98, 2, A Boldon (Trin) 20:55; 3, M Mersh
(US) 20:26, 4, O Thompson (Barbacks)
20:32:5, S Brimsoombe (Aus) 20:38; 6, K to
(Japan) 20:45; 7, S Insslovs (La) 20:48; 8, G
Moon (Nor) 20:98. Moon (NO) 2019. FINAL: 1, M. Johnson (US) 19.22 (world record); 2, F Fredencks (Nam) 19.68; 3, A Boldon (Trin) 19.00; 4, Thompson 20.14; 5, Williams 20.17; 6, Gerda 20.21; 7, Stevens 20.27; 8, Mersh 20.48.

Men's 1,500 metres

Men's 1,500 metres:
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1, N Morcell (Alg) Smin 32,88sec; 2, F Cacho (sp); 3 33 12; 3, A Bae (Som); 33.50; 4, W Tanu (Ken); 3.33 57; 5, L Rotich (Ken); 3.33 57; 6, D Meazouzi (Mor); 3.34 35; 7, J Mayock (GB); 3.34 55; 12, N Bruton (first); 3.42 86 (non-quasifier); Heat bur; 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor); 3.35 91; 4, M Subsirran (Catay); 3.35 91; 4, M Subsirran (Catay); 3.36 11; 6, M Kotern (Hot); 3.36 98; 7, A Writterman (GB); 3.36 11; (non-quasifier); 12, K McKey (GB); 3.43 61 (non-quasifier).

Men's 5,000 metres

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tassed loses to final Qualifiers: Heat one:
1, S h.coote (Ken) 13mn 27 50sec; 2, P Blok
(Ken) 13.27 81, 3, B Lahleti (Mor) 13.27.73, 4,
8 Kennedy (LS) 13.27 90; 5, G Di Neposi (N)
13.28.80; 8, K Boutanni (Mor) 13.29 72, 7,
Paylose (Eth) 13.20.88, 8, R Berozhe (Alg)
13.37.52; 9, S Franks (Ger) 13.40.94; Heat
two: 1, T Nyariki (Ken) 14.03.21; 2, V
Nyongabo (Burund) 14.03.45; 2, J
Nyongabo (Burund) 14.03.45; 3, D
Baumanni (Ger) 14.03.75, 4, E Motina (Sp)
14.04.08; 5, S Sghr (Mor) 14.04.22; 6, A
Belsout (Alg) 14.04.55; 9, J Nuttali (GS)
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22.24; 4, I Miller (LIS) 22.38; 6, D Young (LIS)
22.49; 5, C Freemen (Aus) 22.78; 7, N
Seirornikova (Belo) 22.98; 1 Phetrove (Flus)
did not start. Heat two: 1, M Otsey (Jam)
22.08; 2, G Melchurgina (Plus) 22.55; 3, C
Sumup, (Beharman) 22.54; 4, -C Caldry (LIS)
22.56; 5, M Carriston-Teiplor (Aus) 22.76; 8, M
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Women's 1,500 metres
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#### Baseball

Semi-finals

Basketball Men's semi-finals

Yugoslavia 66 Lithuania 58, United State 101 Australia 73

CLASSIFICATION ROUND: Fifth to eighth place: Russia 80 Japan 69; Cuba 78 lizly 70

Light-flyweight

Lightweight SEMI-FINALS: T Tontchev (Bul) bt T Cauthen (US) pts; H Scitani (Alg) bi L Dorofiel (Rom)

SEMI-FINALS: I Kovecs (Hun) bi V Khadpo (Thai) pts, A Mesa (Cube) bi R Melakhbekov (Rus) pts.

Welterweight SEMI-FINALS: J Hernandez (Cubs) bt M Simion (Rom) pts. O Saxov (Rus) bt D Sentos (P Rico) pts Middleweight

SEMI-FINALS: M Beyleroglu (Tur) bt M Beltari (Alg.) pis, A Hernandez (Cube) bi R Wells (US) pis.

Men's 10-metre platform M Kührne (Gar) 375-27; 12, R Frace (Austria) 373-41; 13, Choe Hydnop-gil (N Kor) 383-40; 14, J Sjoctin (Swe) 352.74; 15, A Kvotchinsid (Belo) 349-14; 16, D Akhmetbelov (Kaz) 348.62; 17, R Morgan (GB) 343-20; 18, L Taylor (GB) 341 70

#### Equestrianism

Team showjumping FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Germany (U Kuch-hoff, I, Nieberg, F. Stoothaak, L Beerbaum) 175 penalise; 2, United States (A Kurshraid, Matz, P. Leone, I, Bur-Howard) 12:00, 3, Brazil (R Peason, A Johannyster, L Felipe Azewsch, A Mirande Nisto) 17:25; 4, France 20:25; 5, Spein 29:75; 8, Switzeriand 32:00; 7, Holland: 32:25; 8, Ireland (E Mecken, P Charles, D Gardiner, J Chesney) 34:50; 9, Isaly 35:00; 10, Swedten 35:75; 11, Austria 40:00; 12; Great Britain (G Billingson, N Sketton, J Whitaker, M Whrisker) 40:00.

Individual showjumping

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(Bel), King Denzo, 4 00; 4, J Tope, Frish, Top
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Pommes, 550; 6, A Kursinski (US), Eros,
8.00, 12, G Ballington (GS), It's Otto, 12.25;
27, P Charles (Ise), Beneton, 17.75; 35, J
Cheerey (re), Diamond Exchange, 20.50,
37, E Macken (Ire), Schaltner, 22.00; 38, J
Whitaker (GS), Weisen, 22.50, 43, N Sicelon
(GS), Show Time, 24.00 Non-qualifiers; 65, M
Whitaker (GS), Two Step, 50.25; 66, D
Gardiner (Ire), Arthos, 52.50

#### Football

Freestyle, over 100kg BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Norway 2 Bra-z# 0. FINAL: United States 2 China 1

#### Handball Women

CLASSIPCATION MATCHES: For seventh place: Argola 24 United States 23 For fifth place: China 25 Germany 26. SEMI-RAULS: Dempark: 23 Norway 19; South Korea 39 Hungary 25.

#### **Gymnastics** Group rhythmic

PREJMENARY ROUND (leading skreams trins): 1, Bugaria (I Taleva, V Kevisur, V tatachia, M Koleva, M Tebelsova, Delcrieva) 39 016pts, 2 Span (I Cabarilles, E Climenes, E Martinez, E Martin

#### Hockey Women

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Holland 0 Great Braain 0 (Holland won 4-3 on penalty shots).

#### Table tennis Men's singles

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: J Rosskopt (Ger) b) P Korbel (C:) 21-17, 19-21, 21-18, 21-19. FINAL: Liu Guolleng (Chine) bi Wang Tao (Chine) 21-12, 22-24, 21-18, 15-21, 21-5.

#### Tennis Men's singles

SEMI-FINALS: S Bruguera (Sp) bt F Meigen (Br) 7-8, 6-2; A Agessi (US) L Paes (India) 7-6, 6-3 Men's doubles BRONZE MEDAL MATCH; M Goliner and D Princel (Gar) by J Ellingh and D Haarhuls (Hol) 6-2, 7-5

Women's doubles BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: C Martinez and A Sanchez Vicasio (Sp.) bit M Bollegrat and B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-1, 6-3

#### Volleyball Women's play-offs

SEVENTH PLACE: United States bit Gentrary 17-18, 15-6, 5-15, 15-6. FIFTH PLACE: Holland bt South Korea 15-9, 15-9, 15-12 SEMI-FINALS: Chine bt Russia 12-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-12; Cube bt Brezi 5-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-13, 15-12 Wrestling

#### CONSOLATION BOUTS: A Singh (GB) bt R Kranz (Guet) pts, M Vallyev (Ukr) bt Singh pts Yachting

Men's 470 FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Utraine (Y Braslavets and I Metryyenko) 40pts; 2, Great Britain Li Mericks and I Walker) 61; 3, Portugal (Y Rochs and N Barreto) 82; 4, Finland 66; 5, Russis 67; 6, France 72.

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FINAL POSITIONS: 1. Spain (T Zabell and B Via Dutresne) 25;0sr. 2, Japen (Y Shige and A Kinoshita) 38; 4. Ultraine (R Taran and O Patholchik) 38; 4. United States 47; 5, Germany 49; 6, Dermark 56; 11, Greet Britain (S Carr and B Reggetit) 89; 1, helend (L Cole and D Lyttin) 95.

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# Impossible feat made ridiculously easy

e runs like Groucho Marx chasing a wait-ress. The same long, parodic strut, feet low to the floor, body and head high and still. It looks ridiculous. It looks impossible. Professor Wagstaff, or Dr Hackenabush, going for Olympic gold. Where's the cigar?

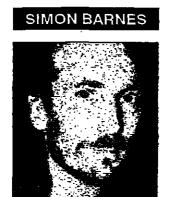
Aeronautical engineers have proved decisively that bumblebees cannot fly: it should not take too long for students of human motor performance to prove conclusive-ly that Michael Johnson cannot run.

There are some runners -Sebastian Coe was one example — who seem not to touch the track as they run, instead to float just the tinjest fraction above it. Johnson is the opposite. He seems never to lose contact with the track, scraping the soles of his golden shoes along its surface.

It is astonishing to watch. He hardly bothers to lift his knees at all. The body is carried not so much straight as inclined backwards. In outline, he looks like a flying wedge: the shape of the sports car known as the TR7. Sports car enthusiasts will tell you that there was nothing wrong with the TR7 other than the fact that it looked ridiculousand it was not terribly fast.

Johnson is only halfway to being the TR7 of the track. He looks ridiculous all right, but he is seriously fast. "I knew, coming off the curve — you can always tell, coming off the curve to the straight - I knew that I was running faster than I had ever run in my life," he

Johnson was the man for whom they had changed the Olympic schedule, which is quite a load to carry in itself. He had already won the 400 metres; this was the second half of an unprecedented double, the 200 metres. To say he won seems a supreme irrele-



Atlanta sketch

Fredericks, of Namibia, and Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, ran phenomenally fast, yet they were blown away. Johnson also set a new world record. but that, too, seems a ridiculous understatement.

For the record, too, was blown away: annihilated. This was a Beamonesque leap into the realm of the impossible. You simply do not improve world records by such a distance. The old record, set by Johnson himself just six weeks ago in the United States Olympic trials, was 19.66sec, fast enough in all conscience. Johnson improved this to 19.32sec. more than threetenths of a second.

If his rivals ran phenomenally fast, Johnson ran impossibly fast, leaning backwards, golden shoes skating over the surface. Humans have been running about the earth for countless thousands of years: now, in the closing years of the 20th century, comes a man who has invented a new way

of running. Children, don't you try this at home. Five metres from the end, Johnson felt his hamstring begin to go, as if the human body was really not supposed to go so fast, and ance now. was on the brink of exploding.
His main rivals, Frankie After all, he ran the second 100



The golden spikes that swept Johnson to an unprecedented double and that astonishing time. Photograph: Doug Mills

metres in 9.20sec; the new world record for the 100 metres event, set a week ago here at the Olympic Games by Donovan Bailey, is 9.84sec. slower because it does not have a flying start.

The TR7 was really motoring. "All respect to my friend Donovan," Boldon said afterwards, "but this man here really is the fastest man in the

Well, he could have gone faster. "I stumbled out of the blocks, and it cost me a good

Johnson said. "I've got into the habit of popping up too quick, and not using my arms. I stumbled about the fourth

No satisfying some people. But he seemed to find his stride all right; if he learns to start properly and avoids hamstring twinges at the finish, he really might be quite swift one day.

He was in seraphic form afterwards. After the 400 metres, the job half done, he was still tense and wary. But now he has disposed of a huge

burden. "There's never been so much pressure on me my entire life." he said frankly. "i was afraid i wouldn't get that medal. But for me, being

afraid is OK. I like to be afraid.

I like to be nervous. And I ran

like I was nervous." These running races are all about the drama of the hunter and the hunted, but it is hard to know which category to put Johnson in. He intimidated from the front, a cheetah running away from a herd of gazelles and leaving them in a state of helpless terror.

It was a majestic performance, a perfect demonstration of the pleasures that sport can bring. Certainly, such moments make one forget one's irritations at the pathetic organisation of these Games.

They also add an important footnote to the sadness of the bombing of Centennial Park. Sport is trivial, and it is not worth anybody's death. But Johnson's night, like all the rare and impossible nights of sport, are about the lifting of the human spirit. We who were there were enriched.

# Des one-liners worth their weight in gold

mentator to use one convoluted superlative where hundred would do. Michael Johnson was not human ... Michael Johnson was not of this planet ... Michael Johnson was almost certainly a god. Amid this torrent of hyperbole, however, there were inevitably one or two statements that proved irrefutable. Michael Johnson was from Texas ... Michael Johnson has just provided one of the great moments in Olympic sport. Back to you in the studio. Des.

Ah, Des. It is moments such as these that bring out the genius in Des Lynam. Where Coleman favours the scattergun approach, Lynam gets there in one. He paused for a well-judged moment of silence and simply said: "You stayed up late tonight. You made the right decision." We

had, we did . . . we were there. This was what doing the Atlanta Games the hard way. the live way, the late way was all about. The night that Johnson ran fast all the way is what the Centennial Olympics will be remembered for and we had seen it happen. "Beamonesque" was how Paul Dickenson described Inessa Kravets's triple jump, the second longest ever. on Wednesday night. Nonsense

this was Beamonesque. Thursday night was a cracking night for the BBC athletics team. We had Johnson. we had Kelly Holmes winning her 1.500 metres semi-final and we had Marie-José Pèrec creating her own. somewhat over-looked, moment of history in the 200 metres. I woke up in the morning half expecting to hear that she had been banned for the use of illegally

long legs.

Helped by a well-spaced stadium schedule, this was the night that Daley Thompson and David Moorcroft got the opportunity to shine. Brendan Foster also had a busy night, combining his dual role as commentator and track-side interviewer. His interview technique has improved im-measurably in the past few days and, while the speed with which he gathered up first Johnson, then his parents and then his coach was im-



pressive, even more so was the act that he didn't ask one of them, "how do you feel?"

Night 14 of our marathon, was the first to begin without Lynam but, when he popped up, true devotees of live Olympic sport were on BBC2 for the bronze medal play-off for women's hockey between Great Britain and Holland. Was it really less then a fortnight since Lynam had leant forward conspiratorially and asked: "Short corners. long corners - do you know about that sort of thing?" I shook my head, but, after one of those helpful Olympic Grandstand guides and four live games in the first three days. I had almost got the hang of it.
Nigel Starmer-Smith has

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proved a pleasant enough guide, but, as my meagre knowledge grew, I got the distinct impression that his was only a couple of steps ahead. He had mastered the basics, but seemed reluctant or unable to explain specific umpiring decisions. He was also getting pulled up rather too often for comfort by his colleague and resident expert, Cathy Harris.

Late in the second half. Starmer-Smith celebrated a Britain goal from a short corner for a good 15 seconds before Harris whispered in his ear. It was too high. 'Something of an anti-climactic moment." our ever-resourceful commentator said. "I guess we were willing it home a little bit too much." I guess we were forgetting the rules, but what do I know?

The game and the bronze medal were lost in a penalty shoot-out. It was Lynam, inevitably, who had the last word: "Not been our year for penalty shoot-outs, has it?"

# Boardman must rise to Induráin's mighty challenge

FROM PETER BRYAN

FEW British Olympians face a greater task than Chris Boardman. Roger Black, Iwan Thomas and company have had Michael Johnson to contend with on the track, the swimmers an assortment of untouchables such as Kristina Egerszegi, Alexander Popov and Kieren Perkins. Boardman, however, has Miguel Indurain, five times the winner

OP EVERY MONDAY

of the Tour de France and almost certainly the greatest time-triallist cycling has ever seen.

If the Briton is to repeat his golden performance in Barcelona four years ago, when he dominated the 4,000 metres pursuit on the track, then Indurain has to be overcome on the road today.

The inaugural Olympic 52kilometre individual cycling time-trial will be held over a 13-kilometre

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circuit at Buckhead, north of Atlanta. It is a rolling course, winding through affluent suburbs, and Indurain has ridden it once already this week, when he made little effort in Wednesday's road race.

Boardman, though selected for that event, opted for a day off to conserve his energies for this race and he does have a good chance of a medal, perhaps even gold. He is seeded No 4, has won a time-trial

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prologue in the Tour and, most relevantly, won the world time-trial championship in Sicily in 1994. Indurain, however, did not enter that year. He did in 1995, when Boardman was recovering from serious injuries after a crash in another Tour prologue, and won the title in Colombia. Not surprisingly, the Spaniard is seeded No 1.

Also included in a strong field of 39 are Abraham Olano, of Spain, and

Uwe Peschel, of Germany, who finished second and third in the world championship last year. Evgeni Berzin, of Russia, has withdrawn, but Bjarne Riis, fresh from his Tour de France triumph ending Indurain's five-year reign carries Denmark's hopes.

The women's 26-kilometre event closes the cycling programme today, with Yvonne Mcgregor and Sarah Phillips representing Britain.

FOOTBALL: COLE ADDS TO CHAMPIONS' PROBLEMS BEFORE UMBRO CUP

# United face threat to Jordi signing

MANCHESTER United's preparations for this weekend's Umbro Cup tournament, and indeed the football season proper, were disrupted yesterday by the news that the transfer of Jordi Cruyff has

again hit troubled waters. The Holland international was due to make his debut for United against Ajax — the club where his father, Johan Cruyff, enjoyed his greatest successes - in the four-team tournament in Nottingham today, but reports from Jordi's club, Barcelona, suggested last night that the deal was in danger of collapse because of a problem with the player's medical.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, responded immediately by insisting that the suggestion was inaccurate. but he did concede that there still problems with Jordi's contract that were David Maddock on a new stumbling block to efforts to sign Dutchman

million transfer. "It is wrong to say that the deal is off." Ferguson said.

There is no medical problem. the lad is fine, but we are having difficulty over the contract and we are still trying to sort that out. But we do still want to sign the lad and we are doing our best to sort it out quickly. Obviously, he won't be with us for the Umbro tournament, but we are hoping he may be available for the

Charity Shield." The transfer has been dog-ged by difficulties from the start, with Barcelona twice pulling out of negotiations. This, however, seems a more serious threat than earlier

posturings by the Spaniards.

RUGBY LEAGUE

OTHER SPORT

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Tomorrow

AXA Equity & Law League

DERRY: Derbyshire v Glouce

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TALINTON: Somerset v Hamoshire

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20, 40 overs

Shelfield Éaglus v Wigan (at Bramail Lano, 6,30)

holding up the proposed £1. It leaves Ferguson with difficulties for the Umbro tournamant, which pits his side against Ajax, Chelsea and Nottingham Forest.

Already he has Pallister. Butt. Giggs. Cole. Sharpe and one of his new signings. Ronnie Johnsen, the Norway defender, on the injured list. with Karel Pohorsky, the Czech Republic winger, still to obtain a work permit. Cole is a particular worry, with the news yesterday that the striker has contracted pneumonia and that he will be out of action for at least five weeks.

While the crowd for the tournament will be denied the intriguing sight of Cruyff Jr playing against Ajax, they will at least see Gianluca Vialli.

from Juventus, the European Cup-holders. Vialli has struggled with injury problems and has yet to make his debut, but Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, confirmed he would be playing in today's second match, against Forest.

Gianluca wanted to play for us against Wolves the other night, but I thought it was a little bit too early." Gullit said. "He has worked his way back from a few muscle strains and he looks very good now, so he'll definitely take some part."

Spectators at the Umbro Cup will be treated to many of the leading figures of Euro 96 earlier in the summer. including Nikola Jerkan, of Croatia, who will make his debut for Forest. The winners of today's two matches at the City Ground will contest the final tomorrow.

#### **GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES**

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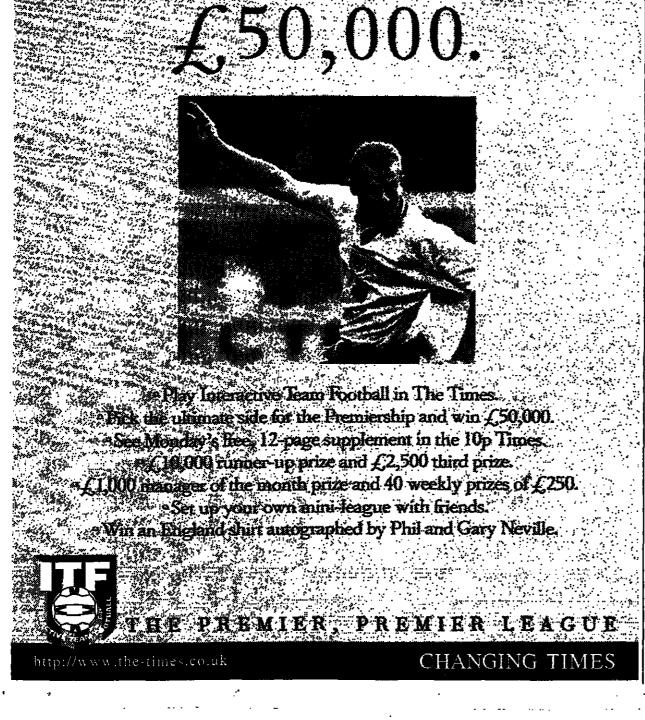
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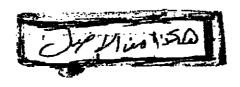
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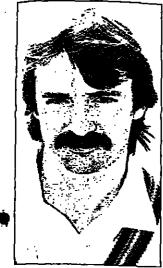
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# Russell may fall foul of England's balancing act



Russell: world class

international summer was not so much a shock as a sobering reac-quaintance with the facts. New, modern management has improved the approach of the team but the quality remains shallow when set against the best in the world.

Three Tests against Pakistan will leave the public wanting more, such is the anraction of the opposition, but unless England concoct an equalising win at Headingley next week, they may not fully share the enthusiasm. They were outplayed at Lord's and the need to strike back quickly in this short series will lead, almost inevitably, to a restructuring of the side when the selectors meet this evening.

Among the options to come under discussion will be six specialist batsmen and an all-seam attack on what England hope will be an old-fashioned Leeds pitch. But nobody row with more trepidation than Jack Russell, yet again the potentia sufferer for the deficiencies of

It is the wish of certain selectors. including the chairman. Raymond Illingworth, to have the best of both worlds, with six batsmen and five bowlers. The only solution, it will be said, is that one of the batsmen, obviously Alec Stewart, must keep

The frequency with which this theory is propounded, and its intimate relationship with the particular problems of Headingley, is staggering. Stewart has kept wicket in three of the past four Leeds Tests, including the heavy defeat by West Indies last June, when Illingworth, in overall charge for the first time, pursued the same theory that will head tonight's agenda. As ever, the crux of the problem is

the absence of a genuine batting allthe return from injury of Nasser

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on the dilemma

facing the selectors before the Headingley Test

rounder, one capable of regular, substantial scores at No o. Mark Ealham comes close, but not close enough when the bowling is of the inspirational Pakistani kind that can sweep away wickets like autumn leaves, and he may miss out here. Ronnie Irani, Craig White and Chris Lewis have all been tried but none bat well enough to justify a top six position against Waqar, Wasim and Mushtaq. So the likelihood is that Russell,

one of the few world-class players at England's disposal, will be sacrificed again, giving a recall to John Crawley, in place of the disorientated Graeme Hick, in a batting order that should be reinforced by

Hussain at No 3. It is easy to see the logic of the wicketkeeping argument on this occasion, although there is an alternative structure of at least equal merit. If conditions at Headingley match up to England's ideal, there is likely to be little or no work for a spin bowler. My preference, therefore, would be to retain

Russell in the team at No 7, followed

by four seam bowlers. Illingworth went to Headingley on Wednesday, when doubtless he had a word in the groundsman's ear to the effect that his mower should stay in its hut for the time being. Michael Atherton, the captain, certainly believes England's best

chance of beating Pakistan lies with a pitch conducive to seam and one can imagine his fury if he arrives next week to find, as Gooch did when captain there in 1993, something far more suitable to the pposition.

That possibility must be covered with the inclusion of a spinner in the party and Ian Salisbury bowled well enough at Lord's, with little luck, to be guaranteed that place. Lewis is proving his recovery from groin trouble in Surrey's match against South Africa A and will surely return, not least for his value in extending the batting, but there is also a crying need for another bowler of penetration after a Test in which England's bowling looked depressingly blunt.

This item on the selectors' agenda will revolve around two men, Darren Gough and Andy Caddick, and, unless the selectors harshly

inconclusive game, there is room in the squad for only one of them. When they met in a championship fixture at Scarborough last week, Caddick was easily the more im-pressive; his shin problems finally behind him, he is back to the form that earned him eight caps and a place on the last tour of West Indies.

But even Caddick would be surprised to gain instant promotion over Gough, and it would not strictly make sense. Inconsistent though he is, Gough's late swing is the closest English approximation to Wagar Younis. He is happy with his game now, after a period of self-doubt, and he has been kept waiting long enough.

My XIII would be: Atherton. Knight, Hussain, Thorpe, Stewart, Crawley, Russell, Lewis, Cork, Gough, Mullally, Brown,

CRICKET

# Yorkshire look to bowlers to finish job

EASTBOURNE (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 219 runs to beat

AS THEIR controversial request for a sporting pitch at Scarborough last week indicated. Yorkshire can ill afford a stalemate at this critical stage of their pursuit of a first championship title for 28 years. They will have no worries on that score about the surface on offer for their visit to the Saffrons: it is sporting enough to ensure a result, and also to escape censure in the umpires' report, after an eventful day on which 18 wickets fell for 360 runs.

Yorkshire are better placed by virtue of not having to bat last but they probably had the worst of things yesterday. They dismissed Sussex for 253 mid-afternoon -- Peter Hartley following up his best performance with the bat with his best with the ball, six for 67 - to take what appeared to be a decisive first-innings lead of

themselves that they were all out for 133 in their second Athey and Hall, the Sussex openers, survived four overs, not without alarms, in the

92 but then struggled so badly

Only David Byas, the captain, scored more than ten for Yorkshire yesterday, his composed, unbeaten 72 from 125 balls being a line piece of craftsmanship. Ed Giddins. who later this month faces a charge of using a prohibited drug, was Sussex's leading bowler with figures of six for

47, the best of his career. Sussex's hopes of reaching their fourth-innings target may be slim after seeing 16 wickets fall in the last two sessions. Batting had never been simple previously, with those batsmen who prospered being the ones who had looked to play their shots, but the pitch appeared to grow livelier

as the day went on. The ball not only swung and seamed around but bounced what riches were on offer if they put their backs into it. Whatever the bowlers deserved, there was certainly a collective lack of application among the batsmen.

As this is a battle being fought out among two strong hands of seam bowlers, it was revealing that Gough, whose name will certainly come up when the England selectors meet this evening, was among the least successful or impres-

He was struck for four fours by Law, whose 39 from 32 balls was one of the most assured innings after lunch, but it was Gough's dismissal of Speight, who was caught at second slip from a ball of extra bounce, that began the to-ings and fro-ings and put most of the fielders on close-catching duty for the remainder of the

Athey, who had added 61 to his overnight during 13 by lunch, had just reached an excellent century - his fifth against his native county from 183 balls when he was leg-before to Hartley to begin a collapse in which Sussex's last five wickets fell in just 13 balls. Athey, who scored the first century of his first-class career - for Yorkshire - in this fixture 20 years ago, gave only one chance, on 58.

Although Giddins caused Yorkshire the most inconvenience, it was Lewry and Drakes who claimed the three wickets they lost for 36 before tea. And key wickets they were, too; those of Vaughan. Moxon and Bevan. Lewry accounted for Moxon with a fine inswinger and Drakes dispatched Vaughan, with a terrific ball that took his glove, and Bevan, to a superb "trimmer" that sent his off bail three-quarters of the way to

the boundary. After that, Yorkshire - all but their noble captain - were on the run, although White was unlucky, the ball spinning cruelly back into his stumps. Should Yorkshire win, it will be their seventh championship victory in 12 matches this encouragingly; perhaps both season and may leave then sets of bowlers finally realised sitting at the top of the table. season and may leave them



The spring was clearly back in Andy Caddick's step at Taunton yesterday as he reinforced his claims to a place in the England squad for the second Test match at Headingley by taking five wickets for 46 runs against Hampshire

# Curran proving stubborn

BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (second day of four): Northamptonshire. with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs behind Leicestershire

POSITIVE cricket these past few weeks, coupled with some fortune, has taken Leicestershire to the top of the championship table. For once, yesterday, their game was not recognisable. After removing four Northamptonshire batsmen relatively cheaply and, indeed, thinking in terms of enforcing the follow-on, they were stymied by the highest partnership of the match between Kevin Curran and Tony Penberthy.

A catch and a stumping

were missed as Curran made his first century of the season Penberthy his highest score for two years, their unbeaten partnership realising 187 runs and lasting for 57 overs. Neither did Leicestershire bowl especially

For a good part of the day, it All-round

was a question of whether Northamptonshire would make 273 to avoid following on. The ball was starting to turn and Leicestershire had included two spinners in Pierson and Brimson. In a sense, these two epitomise their county, for they are not cricketers of the front rank. But they are determined to succeed. Nigel Briers, who has now retired, has left quite a

legacy in that respect. Like Wells, who added only two runs to his overnight score of 202, Brimson began his career with Kent. Having done much to enable Leicestershire to go joint top of the championship table earlier this week, he took a wicket now with his arm ball in his first over, bowling Fordham.

Wells took a wicket with his very first ball, which, given what he had achieved beforehand in this match, was almost unsurprising. Loye was taken at the wicket, beaten by one that lifted. Simmons, too, had some

LORD'S (second day of four): Essex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 121 runs

PAUL GRAYSON, who was

signed by Essex from York-

shire during the winter in the hope that he would one day fill

Graham Gooch's position if

not his boots, upstaged the

great man yesterday to give

his new county every chance of enhancing their burgeoning

Grayson is hardly in the

same class as Gooch, of

course, and he did not look it

in the morning when the old

master was overhauling Keith

Fletcher's aggregate of 29,434

runs to become the most

prolific batsman in Essex

Once Gooch was out, how-

ever, caught at the wicket

cutting at Weekes and "walk-

ing" even though he was

championship challenge.

ahead of Middlesex

success. He is not reluctant to give himself a bowl and removed both Walton, who made a sound half-century, and Capel, who edged to first

In the morning, Leicestershire had added a further 58 runs. Wells batted in all for 404 minutes, the highest innings of his career coming to an end when he spooned a catch to mid-on off one from Capel that stopped on him. Mullally then struck Ambrose for four consecutive fours.

It was not, though, his batting which Raymond Illingworth came to view. Alas for Mulially, he failed to take a wicket. The last, indeed, the only time that Leicestershire won the championship was when the chairman of selectors was their captain. If he saw little yesterday that would have impressed him in terms of seeking England players, at least he would have been buoyed by the developments that have gone on since his time at Grace Road.

Grayson steals show

after Gooch's record

By PAT GIBSON

### **England** fail to press home advantage

BY RUPERT COX

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): New Zealand Under-19, with three firstinnings wickets in hand, are 39 runs behind England Under-19

IN SPITE of this Old Trafford pitch, which has perturbed the officials of both teams through its propensity to turn extravagantly, this has been an intriguing and fluctuating contest. After a comparatively comfortable series against South Africa last summer, this series will examine the hosts' credentials more closely.

With the England Under-19 attack whittling their way through the powerful New Zealand top four, a firstinnings lead appeared a formality. But, as the sun began to break through, the touring team's middle-order, in the shape of two tall, elegant, lefthanders, Jacob Oram and Joseph Yovich, fought back defiantly with a stand of 104 to redress the balance.

After a steady start, Oram and Yovich set about the bowling with some aplomb. both driving powerfully to attain fluent half-centuries. Oram reached fifty from 120 balls, with five fours and a six. while Yovich's half-century contained four fours and two sixes, coming from 91 balls. Twice David Nash, the di-

minutive England wicketkeeper, was struck in the face. indicating the devilry in the pitch. After the first incident, for a short time Nash donned a helmet Alas, he was helmetless when a ball from Dean Cosker spun out of the rough, hitting him square on the left eye.

A lack of consistency among the New Zealand bowlers allowed England to post a respectable total of 263. Having resumed yesterday morning at 203 for six, the home team slumped to 226 for nine, before a spirited tenth-wicket partnership between James Ormond and Colin Campbell hauled them beyond the 250

SCORES: England under-19263 (D.J Sales 66, B C Hollooke 55); New Zealand under-19 224 for 7 JJ D P Oram 59, J A Yovich 53

BOWLING McCague 27-3-63-1, Headley 35, 1-3-139-2; Ealfram 23-10-39-2; Fleming 18-2-53-2; Patel 39-9-82-1, Hooper 8-1-28-0, Llong 1-0-8-0 KENT: First landings RENT: Hirst Imings
D P Futton lbw b Lampitt.
M J Wafeer c Solandy b Moody ....
T R Ward b Lampitt ....
"C L Hooper not out
N J Llong not out
Edites (b 2, lb 1, w 1, nb 10) .... Total (3 wite, 55 overs)

N V Flerning, M A Earham, 1S C Wills, D W Headley, M J McCague and M M Petel to bet. FALL OF WICKETS 1-51, 2-124, 3-150

BOWLING, Sherhyar 11-1-58-0; Elnis 6-0-34-0; Lampet 14-2-55-2. Moody 11-3-37-1; längworth 13-2-26-0

Bonus points. Kent 3 Wo Umpires H D Bird and J W Holder

Leicestershire v Northamotonshire

LEICESTER (second day of tour) North-amptonishing with six first-innings wickets a hand, are 121 runs behind Leicestershire LEICESTERSHIRE: First hrange V J Wells c Fordhem b Capel
D L Maddy c Ambrose b Curran
B F Smith c Ripley b Curran
A Hebito c Curran b Ambrose Extres (b 1, lb 14, w 1, nb 4)

Total ....... Score at 120 overs 410-9. 5-281, 6-348, 7-361, 6-371, 9-498, BOWLING Ambrose 22-6-59-1; Taylor 15-1-66-0; Curran 16-2-75-3; Capel 16-3-58-1; Emburry 24-5-58-1, Pemberthy 14-3-33-0, Wolton 3-0-15-0. Snage 12: 10-024-2 NORTHAMETONSHIRE: First Immings "A Fordham b Brimson M B Loye c Niron b Wells T C Walton c Nazon b See-

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] J Capel a Parcone b Simmons ...

[ M Curran not out ...

] Penberthy not out ...

dras (b 8, b 8, w 2, nb 2) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-32, 3-85, 4-114 BOWLING: Mutaty 22-4-73-0; Parsons 11-3-37-0, Welt, 8-1-22-1; Brimson 15-4-45-1; Simmons 12-2-39-2, Pierson 22-3-65-0, Mac-millan 1-0-5-0

Bonus points: Leiceslershire 5 Northampionshire 7 Umpires: A Julien and J D Bond

Middlesex v Essex LORD'S (second day of tour): Essex, with five liest-innings wickels in hand, one 121 runs ahead of Milddesen MIDDLESELL: First Innangs 254 (J D Carr 68, K R Brown 64 not out, J C Pooley 50: A P Cowan 4 lor 76, M C flots 4 for 47) Cowan 4 for 76, M.C flots 4 for 47
ESSEX: First Innings
G.A. Gooch a Brown b Weekes
A.P. Greyson c Brown b Fraser
N. Hussain c Hewith b Tutnell
S.G. Law c sub b Fraser
P. J. Protest on 0 od
R.C trant law b Fraser
H.S. Golden 112
Ednas (b 17, w. 1, nb 14)
Ednas (b 17, w. 1, nb 14)

Cowan to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-171, 2-222, 3-243, 4-358, 5-380 BOMLING Fraser 34-6-88-3, Johnson 17-1-84-0: Hewiti 17-3-101-0; Tutnet 36-20-51-1, Weeks 8-0-44-1

> Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan

WORKSOP (second day of four) Glemorgen with eight first-mininge widens in hand, an 140 runs behind Nortinghamshire 140 runs behind Nordinghamshare
NOTTHNGHAMSHIRE: First innings
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R T Robinson c Meymand b Waltin
TW M Noon c Meymand b Waltin
TW M Noon c Metson b Croft
A A Melicalle c Maymand b Kendnck
P Johnson Ibw b Gasson
C L Carns b Gibson
M N Bowen c Croft b Waltin
K P Extra c Melson b Croft
R T Bates c Croft b Nendrick
G W Nilke c Jures b Gibson
J A Afford not out

#### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

BOWLING Workin 33-16-74-3, Gloson 30 1-B-83-3; Croft 36-19-66-2; Butcher 17-2-74-0, Kendingk 23-8-59-2; GLAMORGAN; First Innings Britannic Assurance county championship Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

Total (2 wkfs, 72 overs) 231

M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, O D
Gloson, R D B Croth, N M Rendrich and S L
Waffun to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-152, 2-214

BOWLING: Evens 17-4-45-0; Mike 16-3-65-1;

Bowten 15-3-57-0; Batter, 10-2-27-0; Afford
14-4-30-1

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M A Lynch c Definition to Cork
M W Allumin not out
A Symonds c Jones b Cork
R P Daws c Rollins b Cork
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BOWLING Malcolm 10-4-16-1; DeFreitze 18-2-66-1; Cork 21-6-45-4, Dean 6-2-34-0

DERRYSHIRE: First Immigs
J Barnett Ibw b Alleyne
S Rollins c Russoll b Walsh
J Adams b Walsh
J M Jones C Lynch b Walsh
J G O'Gorman b Symonds

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Somus points, Derbyshire 7 Gloucestershire 5

Impires: J H Herris and G Sharp

Total (8 wide dec) ...

Total (87.1 overs) 335 FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-29, 3-121, 4-155, 5-265, 6-293, 7-311, 8-311, 9-331

BOWLING Waleh 28-6-110-4 Smith 7-0 33-0; Alleyne 195-60-1; Lewis 21 1-6-74-3 Symonds 2-0-11-1; Cavis 10-2-28-0

Kent v Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First fixings 

re-egt : Bonus points Nottingbarrishup 3 Glamorgan 4 Umpres 8 Dudleston and F J Lyons Somerset v Hampshire Extras (fb 5, nb 12) 

TAUNTON (second day of four) Hampshire, with this second-immigs wichers in hand, need 179 nars to avoid an immigs deloat against Somerset SOMERSET: First Immigs M N Latinett C Aymes to Boniti . 13 M F Trescothack & Keech b Boniti . 12 D Bentice & Somer Niller in 18 D Bentice & S

Ectras (b 2, lb 8, w 3, nb 18) Total 541
Score at 120 overs 494-8.
FALL OF WICNETS. 1-22, 2-39, 3-193, 4-244.
5-310, 6-324, 7-468, 8-491, 9-541

5-310, 6-324, 7-488, 8-491, 9-5-1 BOMILING Bowil 92-3-1-40-4, Milburn 27-1-127-1, Jemes 23-2-101-1, Stephenson 23-2-97-2, Udel 23-8-63-1, Leney 2-0-3-0 HAMPSHIRE: First Irmings "J.P. Stephenson of Turner b Caddick." 50 X.D. James of Hendlen b Lee 28 X.D. James of Hendlen b Lee 28 X.D. James of Hendlen b Lee 28 X.D. James of Hendlen b Lee 28

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H A Smith b Rose
V P Terry low b Caddick
M Keech b Caddick
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S D Udal tow b Rose
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BOWLING: Cardick 12-6-13-1, Lise 2-0-25-0, Rose 9-4-21-0; Parsons 5-2-16-1; Battly 9-2-Bonus points: Somersel 8 Hampshire 3 Umpres A A Jones and M J Nitchen

Sussex v Yorkshire

EASTBOLIFINE (second day of lour), Sussex, with all second-rayings wickets in hand, require 219 runs to best Yorkshare YORKSHARE: First Innings 345 (P J Harriey 89 R J Blakey 80 not out, V C Drakes 5 for 99) Second Innings

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M P Vaughen c Moores b Drakes
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M G Beven to Drakes
A McGrath c Hell b Grodins
C White b Glotdins
(T White b Glotdins
T J Blakey low b Glotdins
D Gough b Glotdins
D Helley c Hell b Drakes
C E W Silvenupod b Glotdins
D Stepp b Glotdins
D B D Stemp b Glotdins 

Total 133
FALL OF WICKETS 1-12, 2-22, 3-29, 4-88, 5-78, 6-98, 7-104, 8-111, 9-115
BOMLING: Levey 11-3-28-1; Drakas 14-1-36-3, Gaddins 16-34-47-8; Law 5-1-19-0
SUSSEC: Fact Internets
CW Little Value 14-11-11-11-11-11-11

SUSSEX: Fast Innangs:
C W J Athory low b Hartley
J W Hall c Stermp b Hartley
J D Lowy low b Hartley
J D Lowy low b Hartley
A P Welse c Blakey b Hartley
K Greenfield low b White
M P Spegif c Byas b Gough
D R Law c Bevan b Hartley
TP Moones c Byas b White
J D K Salebury low b White
J D K Salebury low b White
J D K Salebury low b White
J C Engles not out
E S H Gaddins c Stermp b Hartley
Lotates (b 4 b 3, w 2, nb 16)
Lotat (64 c b 5, overni) Total (64.5 overs) 253 FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-33, 3-87, 4-135, 5-187, 6-242, 7-251, 8-253, 9-253 Second Innings

Tour match

Surrey v South Africa A THE CVAL (second day of four): South Africa A with eight second-immos wickets in hand, are 155 runs ahead of Surray SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Inning
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G F J Liabenberg b Lewis
H H Globs a Kennis b Patterson
H D Ackermen c Brown b Reticitie
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D N Crockes a Brown b Nove!
M Boye not out
TS J Patterson
M W Pringle: b Patterson
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Second innings
S G Koenig c Brown b Lewis
G F J Leberberg b Patterson
H H Gibbs not out
H D Ackermen not out

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SURRIEY: First Innings
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N Shahid box h Gilder
A W Shahid box h Gilder
A W Shahid c Crobles, b Klusener
C C Luwis c Gibbs b Pringle
J Ward c Lisberberg b Klusener
A D Brown c Acteman b Pringle
J A Knott c Pattarara b Klusener
R W Nowell not out
S G kentock c Gibbs b Gilder
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M W Patterson tow b Pringle
Litras (b 9, lb 10, w 1, rb 14)
Total

Umpires: K E Palmer and P Adams

### Kent make progress in race against time By JACK BAILEY

→ CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 246 runs behind Worcest-

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WORCESTERSHIRE batted until 2.40pm yesterday and amassed a large enough total to make the equation of time versus runs of vital importance if Kent's bid for the championship is to be sustained. The tempo was hectic as Kent set off on the long chase left by a Worcestershire first innings of 450.

First, David Fulton cut loose against the new ball with 28 startling runs off 20 balls before falling to Lampitt's first ball. His partner, Matthew Walker, opening the innings in his first championship match of the season, took up the cudgels, racing to 50 from 63 balls before driving Moody to backward point.

Then came Ward with 41 and, finally, Hooper, who moved sweetly past 50 from 61 balls, including two driven sixes off Moody and Sheriyar.

As acting captain, Hooper was setting an example as Kent cruised at four runs

Fast progress was needed for, while Kent might reasonably have expected to apply a swift coup de grace yesterday morning. Worcestershire, in the shape of Rhodes and Lampitt, were having none of it. Their seventh-wicket partnership realised 159 from 62

Lampitt was the more ag-gressive, passing 50 for only the second time this season well before his partner. Rhodes's half century took two balls longer than had Hick's century. but his was the anchor role.

The pair of them were well under way by the time Mark Ealham left the field. He had bowled well though feeling discomfort from bruised rib muscles sustained during the Lord's Test. He is expected to be fit shortly, but Kent missed his accuracy as Worcestershire moved comfortably past 450 before Moody declared.

excellence from Cork DOMINIC CORK dominated

the second day of Derbyshire's match against Gloucestershire yesterday with a display of all-round excellence which England will be hoping he can reproduce at Headingley next week (Geoffrey Wheeler

First he batted with rare authority to score 71 from 98 balls in a fifth-wicket stand of 110 with Dean Jones before he was run out. Although the last five wickets then fell for 42. Cork quickly ensured that his side's lead of 118 would serve as a basis for victory. He sent the Gloucestershire

second innings into steep decline with a post-tea spell which brought him the wickets of Windows, Lynch and Symonds. Gloucestershire, at 156 for six, are only 38 ahead, Cork having so far taken 4-45. Steve James led a sound Glamorgan response to Not-

within eight runs of his twelfth tinghamshire's total of 371 at century at Lord's, Grayson Worksop. He became the seized the moment. first Glamorgan player to Having asked to be released reach 1,000 runs during an by Yorkshire because he was

history.

frustrated by his lack of opportunities, Grayson has quickly improved on his previous best of 129, made against Lanca-shire at Chelmsford, by scoring 140 in just over six hours. hitting two sixes over the short Tavern boundary and 18 fours and revealing a sound tem-perament and a solid

technique. He is obviously learning a lot from batting with Gooch. who not only set the pattern for the day but was also able to cast a selectorial eye over Fraser and Tufnell, who cannot be said to have pressed

Hussain, meanwhile, showed that he has recovered from the broken finger which kept him out of the first Test at Lord's with a brisk 35 before Tufnell gained some satisfaction from bowling over the wicket into the rough by having him caught. Law failed for once, but Prichard made sure that his side did not waste their advantage with an



**SATURDAY AUGUST 3 1996** 

Atlanta stunned by American's superhuman performance in 200 metres

# Johnson has the world at his feet

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

MICHAEL JOHNSON went to Planet Hollywood on Thursday night, but which planet had he come from? The world record which Johnson set in the 200 metres here was the most extraordinary Olympic performance since Bob Beamon skipped 28ft at the 1968 Mexico Games, taking the long jump mark straight from 27ft to 29. Arguably, it was more extraordinary because Beamon enjoyed the benefit of altitude. It was

superhuman. Yesterday, as Atlanta tried to concentrate on the penultimate day of competition on the track, nothing could deflect one's thinking from what had gone on the night before. Johnson had achieved the first Olympic 200/400 metres double by a man, but this historic achievement was lost in the disbelief that this Texan, who



Atlanta guide Simon Barnes

the sport through frustration in 1989, had run 19.32sec for 200 metres.

Johnson covered the first 100 metres in 10.12sec, on a curve. He ran the second 100 metres in 9.20sec, albeit with a rolling start. His two 100 metres runs average out at 9.66sec. When Donovan Bailey, from Canada, set a world record for the 100 metres here last Saturday, his time was

Johnson cut the biggest slice off the world record since Eddie Tolan's 21.12sec at the Los Angeles Games of 1932. Both Johnson and Tolan, also from the United States, im-

proved it by 0.34sec. Tolan's record stood for 20 vears. Johnson's will probably last beyond the lifetime of everybody who saw it. "I want to give people something to remember," he had said coming into the Games. He gave us more than we thought humanly possible. More than he thought possible. "I think I am capable of 19.5." was his prediction.

Until June, when Johnson ran 19.66sec in the US Olympic trials, the world record, held by Pietro Mennea, from Italy, had stood for 17 years. How long will it be before the combination of forces which brought Johnson to this pinnacle meet again? A fast track, a capacity home crowd of 83,000, a warm evening ideal



Johnson is jubilant after breaking the 200 metres world record and completing a unique double, having also won gold in the 400 metres. Photograph: Richard Pelham

pulled up atter the Paralympics which follow these Games, and Johnson is unlikely to be inspired to this degree again, it is hard to imagine even the great man himself going quicker. Johnson, after two frustrating Olympic campaigns, won here by the biggest margin since Jesse Owens in 1936. Yet Frankie Fredericks, in second place, recorded 19.68sec, faster than Mennea's now seemingly

his second 100 metres, run at an average speed of 24.45 miles per hour, Johnson remarked: "It really blows me away." Certainly it blew the opposition away. Though leading by barely the length of one of his 3.5oz gold-laminated spikes coming off the bend. Johnson's acceleration was so sudden it was as though the other seven finalists had a conveyor belt beneath their feet, moving towards them.

ably by feel, for one could not see it, that he stumbled at the start. "I think that cost me a few hundredths of a second," he said. He was over it, he said, by the fourth step. What might he gain also if he dipped at the finish? He never does, that distinctive upright form constant to the end.

Photographs of his close finish with Fredericks in Oslo last month show him leaning

only slightly forward when a

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saved his sequence of 21 races unbeaten at 200 metres. While Fredericks leaned, head and torso thrust forward. Johnson's body remained vertical. except for a bend of his neck throwing his head slightly

The days are long gone since Johnson's posture was criticised. "The advantage of my style is that, being upright, I am more on top of myself

Given that the track is to be pedestrian world record. Of Johnson thought, presum- traditional dip might have helps me to be a good curve revisited him in 1992 when, runner." he said. Clyde Hart, Johnson's coach, said that he has "the

perfect form" and that, even under pressure from commentators years ago, he had never been tempted to change it. We have had the greatest runners in history analysed on computer and Michael is the

model," Hart said. Before Johnson came along, the man nearest to achieving the Olympic 200/400 metres double was Eric Liddell, of Great Britain, who won the 400 metres gold and 200 metres bronze in Paris in 1924. Johnson's victory ended a sequence of three successive Olympic victories for Tom Tellez, the American coach. who had trained Carl Lewis

(1984), Joe DeLoach (1988) and Mike Marsh (1992) to gold. Johnson, who yesterday pulled out of the United States 4 x 400 metres relay team with a hamstring injury, did not make the 1988 Games. He was last in his heat of the 400 metres at the trials, and withdrew from the 200 metres after suffering a broken fibula. He was injured again in 1989 and, had he not had such an encouraging 1990, ranking No I in the world at 200 and 400 metres, he might not be in athletics now. I probably would have used my degree

### in marketing and gone into business," he said. Misfortune Strug leaps into new category

KERRI Strug, the United States gymnast whose gold medal-winning vault when injured set the Atlanta Games alight, has signed with a sports agent who will probably make her a millionairess.

Marketing experts said Strug whose courage helped the US women's team win their first Olympic gold, could reap up to \$5 million (more than £3 million) from commercial endorsements.
Strug. 18. told USA Today

newspaper that she had signed with agent Leigh Steinberg, whose other clients have included skater Brian Boitano and the 1994 US World Cup football team. "I feel good about the

decision. It's a big change in my life," Strug said. "I remember the impact Mary Lou Retton had on me. It's a dream come true.'

### Calamity in relay leaves Christie out in cold

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE Olympic career of Linford Christie ended yesterday with Great Britain's greatest-ever sprinter once again failing to start a race. This time it was not a disqualification that ended Christie's hopes of concluding his career with another medal. Instead, he was rested for the first-round heat of the 4 x 100 metres relay. In his absence, the squad dropped the baton and failed to finish.

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The mix-up occurred at the changeover on the second to third legs between Darren Braithwaite and Darren Campbell. 23.from Manchester. The latter said: "Linford has never been to a championship and not won a medal and we were really going out there to do some-

thing for him. Now I have got to face him." Tony Jarrett, the 110 metres hurdler, who ran the first leg. said: "It would have been nice to have got something for Linford. But accidents do happen in relays. This sums up the whole Games for us."

Braithwaite was involved in the previous incident of a dropped baton in a 4 x 100 metres relay in an important event when Britain failed to finish at the European championships in Helsinki in 1994. However, this can happen to even the most accomplished teams. The United States rea faulty changeover at the Seoul Ölympics in 1988.



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To improve Great Britain's performance at the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000, after a comparatively lame display in Atlanta, the British Olympic Association (BOA) intends to intro-

duce a £10,000 subsistence grant for 300 competitors. This will assist in their training and preparation. Nothing The BOA is to meet Virginia less is needed if Britain. lying Bottomley and Iain Sproat, the fifteenth yesterday in the table of overall number of medals ministers responsible for sport, after the BOA's own won, is not to fall even further debriefing on returning home. behind the international field. "I have been trying to get a been suggested, but a normal feel of what athletes need," Craig Reedie, the BOA chairinvitation from Government to discuss the future," Reedie man, said. "They don't want to said. That future includes, become millionaires, just the chance to do the job properly.

everyone else. That means full time support for at least two years before the Games." This would require £3 million a year. That sum can now

to be equally prepared with

become available under the

by which five per cent of lottery funding for sport, £300 million a year, can go towards training as opposed to provid-ing facilities: building people, rather than building gymnasi-ums. The repetitive evidence of Atlanta, of medals narrowly missed by British contenders, is that better preparation could have made the

"It's not a carpeting, as has critically, the establishment and the function of John Major's proposed Academy for Sport. Funding for coaching and training is fundamental, and the Government must

recognise this. Belgium, lying 25th in the



medals table, has doubled its tally in four years, from three to six so far, having doubled its investment. It has its top 35 competitors on full time salaries, and rewards every finishing place from first down to sixth. with 25 per cent of the financial bonus going to the coach. The relation between success and investment is linear." Dr Jaques Rogge, the Belgian member of the International Olympic Committee

Australia, lying fifth in the medals table with its best ever tally of 36 to date, gives \$A40,000 to every gold medalwinner. "It's compensation, not incentive," Phil Coates, an Australian IOC member, said. You cannot beat an institutionalised training centre. whether it's publicly or privately financed (Australia has its academy in Canberra, the model which provoked Major's initiativel, improvement won't happen overnight. It's

rewards its gold medal-win-ners with \$50,000; the United States, the runaway leaders. with \$40,000. Hungary, one place ahead of Britain has a \$20,000 reward, 40 per cent of which goes to the individual coach, and its National Olympic Committee has all competitors on a monthly subsistence

Russia, fourth in the table,

grant. When considering Britain's apparent "failure" the financial structure of other teams

the services, whether it's biomechanics, diet. physio-therapy, sports psychology, to all federations and competitors, to make them generally available, and avoid the wasteful exercise of different sports federations undertaking their own research." After decades of confusion

The proper administration of

the Government's academy

becomes increasingly impor-

tant. "It's up to us on the BOA

to prove to those who will take

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creation, the new UK Sports

Council, that we should run the sports side," Reedie said.

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among Britain's multiple sports authorities, it is essential that the Government delegates to the BOA the responsibility for producing

#### **OVERSEAS NEWS**

# . Greed eclipses Olympic creed at Atlanta 'flea market'

THE chief operating officer of the Atlanta Olympics advised future cities hosting the Games to reduce the level of corporate sponsorship, some-thing which has been bitterly criticised by non-American officials and visitors at the Centennial Olympiad.
As the Atlanta Games en-

tered the home straight. A.D. Frazier. an open-faced Southern lawyer who has worked 20 hours a day throughout the Olympics, said: "I would encourage future bid cities to look at the Games as an event . . . I might suggest that future organisers not look for private financ-

His candid remarks, which surprised senior colleagues, went to the heart of a matter which threatens to become the

candidates will spend the

night, before flying the next

day to the crowning ceremony

at the Republican convention

in San Diego. For Mr Dole, the selection

process has been a peculiarly

public and often embarrass-

ing means of finding the

person he describes as a

"perfect ten" to fill a role that

many Republicans believe will

make the difference between

success and failure in the

Since the end of the primary

season, and the presumption of Mr Dole's position as the

nominee, the focus has been

on a fluctuating group of

individuals who have been

either approached or consid-

ered likely to balance the ticket

for the 73-year-old former

senator. They have ranged

the popular former chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to

various governors from the Midwest and a handful of

prominent senators. The latest

Mack: Florida senator

Edgar: state Governor

HR

November election.



Quentin Letts looks back at the Centennial Olympic Games, which will probably go down in history as the tackiest ever

enduring image of the Atlanta Games. The near miracle of this crime-troubled city even getting itself ready on time, the moments of high sporting endeavour and the optimism of the crowds, alas, will proba-bly be forgotten before the money-grabbing and the cor-

porate one-upmanship.

Atlanta promised "the greatest Games of all time", but never mentioned that they would be the tackiest, too. The city was yesterday attacked by members of the International

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McCain tried to contain a

smile when he said that he

was just one of 200 of Mr

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Dole's closest advisers. "I

think one of the reasons Bob

Dole likes me is that I don't

impose on him, nor do I seek

to have his attention or pro-

vide him with advice and

Mr McCain's well-docu-

mented torture during more

than five years as a prisoner of

war - including spells at the

McCain: war veteran

Engler: state Governor

many do," he said.

Olympic Committee (IOC) who felt that the creed of the Games had been forgotten. Michael Payne, marketing director for the IOC, said it was the "last time ever" that the Olympics would be turned over to private financing. A 30-page list of new conditions has been drafted to present to future Olympic cities. Anita DeFrantz, an American IOC member, expressed concern about the franchising out of

the Olympic name and said

Clinton's ad hoc foreign policy

by photo-opportunity.

As England did for the

world and America until the

end of the Second World War,

so we must now do for the

world," he says. "Bob Dole is a

steady hand at the tiller who

can provide the required Pax

Nonetheless, Mr Dole's ad-

visers have serious doubts

about Mr McCain's practical

credentials: his lack of execu-

tive experience, a few messy

family problems and a brief

brush with financial scandal.

As a senator he hardly repre-

sents a Washington outsider,

as Mr Dole has sought to

portray himself since resign-

ing his seat in June.
The vice-presidential choice

will prove particularly impor-

tant in assuring unity at the

ates and conservatives. Pat

dropped. Christine Todd Whitman, the Governor of

New Jersey, who was a popular favourite among Republican women, has ruled herself

out. One campaign aide said:

"Dole is no longer thinking about a pro-choice running

Governor of South Carolina.

senators Connie Mack of Flor-

ida, Don Nickles of Oklahoma

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Midwestern states, John Engler of Michigan, Jim Ed-

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Others often mentioned in-

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ed over companies which associated themselves with

Richard Pound, the IOC member whose job it is to safeguard the Olympic brand, described some of Atlanta's initiatives as "outrageous" and said that the city had done itself harm. Mr Pound's mood cannot have been helped by the fact that his wife was arrested this week after an allegedly drink-tinged brawl with a policewoman.

"Flea market" was one de-scription of central Atlanta this fortnight. At every turn there have been corporate logos and the Centennial Park, centrepiece of the fort-night, resembled a trade fair rather than a celebration of internationalism and sporting goodwill.

Los Angeles in 1984 showed that the Games can be compatible with American enterprise, but Atlanta failed to follow those lessons and upset not only traditionalists but also some sponsors by marketing the Games on too broad a scale. Sydney, site of the 2000 Olympiad, has taken note of the failings, and cities bidding for the 2004 Games, among them Istanbul, Cape to some of the foreign Town and Athens, are concen-

The Games started unsteadily, with transport problems and technological fiascos. Then came last weekend's bomb, followed by a muddled FBI hunt for the culprit, talk of security blunders, and now the bruising comments from

trating their rhetoric on the

"philosophy" of the Olympic

the IOC. Atlanta officials yes-terday pointed to the high were more than the combined totals of the Los Angeles and Barcelona Games, but the lasting memory, sadly, seems likely to be less positive. America's success in the gymnasium, swimming pool and on the track and field no doubt added the fuel of envy

There has been ill-concealed dismay among IOC members about the brashness of Atlanta's self-promotion. This failed to make some of the international officials, foreign visitors and athletes feel welcome. Shelley Holroyd, a British javelin thrower, told BBC Radio 5: "The crowds were very biased. It was unbelievable." She was per haps not in tune with Ameriview shared by many non-Americans

Bob Brennan, spokesman for the Atlanta organisers. emphasised yesterday that the city will inherit \$550 million (£354 million) worth of new buildings. However, in terms of reputation Atlanta has tak-en some dents. As the clock approaches midnight on Sunday at the 1996 Games closing ceremony, the Olympic torch will be passed to Sydney where as a member of the Australian delegation said: The one thing we at least do know how to organise is a booze-up in a brewery".

Simon Barnes, page 20 Olympics, pages 43-46 and 48



#### **Growers** fight to save coca

Tens of thousands of coca-leaf growers in Colombia this week staged violent protests against a government plan to destroy vast plantations of the crop used to make cocaine

(Gabriella Gamini writes). At least 60,000 coca-grow ers, who rely on the crop for an income, armed with picks and shovels set up roadblocks in the central highlands region. Yesterday at least three people were reportedly killed and hundreds hurt in clashes with

Under the plan, planes are to spray entire coca-leaf plantations. Farmers fear other crops would also be destroyed. but President Samper is under pressure to clamp down on cocaine production.

#### Three years for China dissident

Hong Kong: China has sent a human rights activist to a labour camp for three years after he sent a petition to the Chinese parliament calling for the release of all political prisoners, his family said in Peking yesterday (writes James Pringle).

Chen Longde, 39, and six others sent a petition last May to the National People's Congress and was accused of endangering state security. He served three years in jail after the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989.

#### Rooms for manoeuvres

A torrid affair between a German army officer and a 22year-old woman recruit stationed with Nato forces in Croatia has led to demands for "love rooms" for German troops posted overseas (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). The couple were arrested after keeping other officers awake in a dormitory. A spokesman for the Green Party in Bonn said: "It is essential to everyone's emotional development that they can practise sex."

#### Canada tackles potato blight

Ottawa: Farmers in three Canadian provinces are fighting potato blight, which they fear could develop into a super-(Richard Cleroux writes). They fear a type known as A2 has attacked a large part of the \$500 million (£322 million) crop in Ontario, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and that by next year it could turn into a more devastating strain.



A man walks across the wreckage of a bridge damaged by flooding after hurricane Cesar hit the Costa Rica Pacific coast. Storms killed 44 and devastated coffee crops. A relief plane with four on board is missing. (AP)

#### Clinton loses his temper with reporters

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S volcanic temper, usually concealed from public view. on camera in the White House Rose Garden and Bob Dole's campaign was quick to seize the advantage. Bristling at reporters' ques-

Buchanan, the conservative commentator, has said that he and his followers will abandon the event if the platform is tions, Mr Clinton heatedly not resolutely "pro-life" or revoked promises to pay the does not meet his radical legal bills of seven staff sacked from the White House travel As a result, Tom Ridge and office. "I never gave my word on that," he snapped. Why George Voinovich, the Govershould they get help, he denors of Pennsylvania and Ohio, who are both "pro-choice", are said to have been manded, when other White

huge legal expenses by being "dragooned" for questioning before hostile congressional committees on Whitewater and associated issues.

Reminded that his press sign legislation to help the seven. Mr Clinton responded: "I didn't say that I said I didn't know what's going to be in it. I don't believe we should give special preference to one group of people over others.

Do you? Do you?"
Aides hurriedly called off the briefing which had been intended to trumpet good economic news. They trailed after Mr Clinton into the Oval Office where he could be heard shouting in anger. He later apologised, saying he had not been sleeping well since the crash of TWA Flight 800 more than two weeks ago.

rages are the stuff of legend. They are said to explode frequently behind the scenes, often to the accompaniment of Nixonian expletives. Victims have been known to think their careers were over, but the storm passes and Mr Clinton is his sunny self again.

Embellishing the episode, John Buckley, spokesman for Mr Dole's Republican presidential campaign, accused Mr Clinton of suffering a "total meltdown". Republicans are planning to capitalise on the outburst, which featured prominently in the media. They will try to hold Mr Clinton to the promise to repay the seven.

lucrative air-charter business.

The "Travelgate" affair is an embarrassment for the White House Memos suggest that the seven, all civil servants, were sacked on orders of Hillary Clinton so that "our people" could get the jobs. She denies it, but a distant cousin of Mr Clinton's did take over briefly and friends of the family tried to corner the

#### House aides have incurred US 'would offer \$2m for a TWA bomber'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

mate, period."
High on the list of hopefuls are Carroll Campbell, former THE United States is ready to bombing. Similar rewards are offer a reward of up to \$2 million (£1.3 million) for the capture of suspects if the TWA crash is officially declared a terrorist attack.

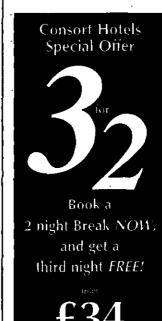
> Officials have discussed offering the reward as part of a worldwide effort to track down the culprits believed to have smuggled a bomb on board the Paris-bound jet.

Bennett, a former Education Large rewards have become Secretary, and Ann Dore almost routine in the battle against international terror-McLaughlin, a former Labour ism and drugs. The US State Department said recently it The contest will reach fever pitch next week. For many had paid out \$3 million in party activists, the excitement about 20 cases. The offer of a of an announcement and the \$2 million reward is thought convention week are desperto have contributed to the ately needed to boost the errorcapture of Ramzi Yousef, acprone and ailing campaign of their candidate. cused of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Centre

on offer for Khun Sa, the alleged Burmese drug lord, and Mir Amal Kansi, the suspect in the shootings out-side CIA headquarters in Virginia that left two people

Bounties have also been placed on the unknown killers of two US diplomats in Karachi and the extremists who bombed a US military base last month in Saudi Ārabia. Nineteen people were killed.

The cause of the TWA disaster is unknown. Tests for explosive residue on a forward cargo door failed to confirm investigators' suspicion that the plane had been blown out of the sky by a bomb in the forward baggage compartment.



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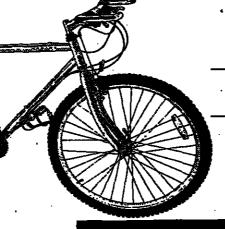
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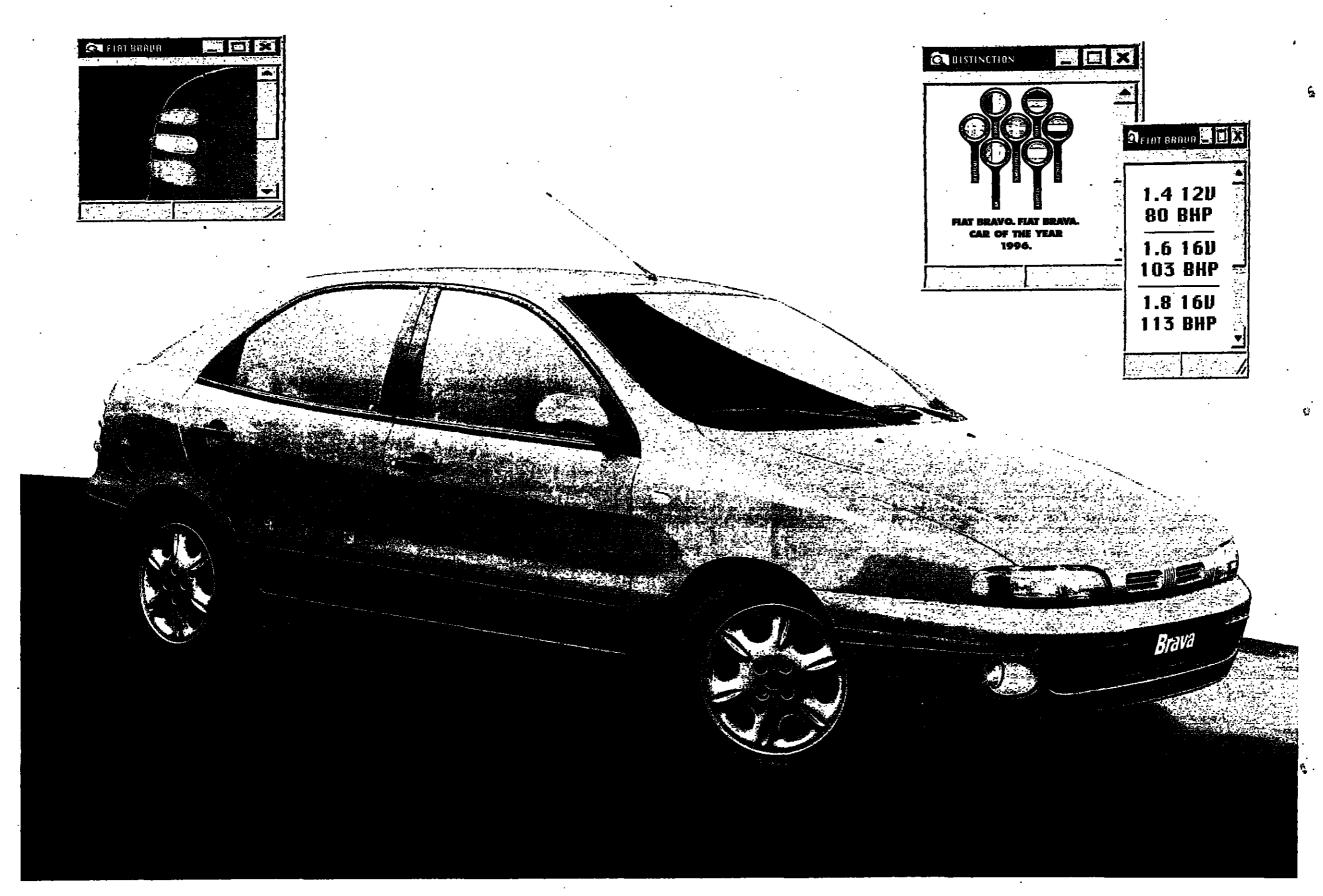


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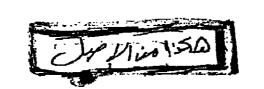
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# Indonesian riots test ambiguous army role

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

THE military's fierce response to pro-democracy unrest in Indonesia this week has intensified calls for curbing the armed forces' dominant role

Indonesia is neither democratic nor totally dictatorial: the army draws civilians into the system and pursues what it calls the middle way. The press is free up to a point, but faces withdrawal of publishing licences if it crosses an illdefined line. There are curbs on public assemblies. Only three political parties are permitted to contest elections. Millions of new, young voters find such curbs intolerable.

The military, for all its roughshod treatment of prodemocracy demonstrators, enjoys immense respect. Almost every political party regards it as the only force capable of controlling the potential for disintegration of a country with more differences than similarities that have yielded civil wars and rebellions.

The army has had ample opportunity to seize absolute power, especially after putting down the abortive communist coup in 1965, when it emerged as the hero of the nation. It immediately filled the power vacuum and became the country's dominant political force, but without imposing military rule. The armed forces' role, unique in the world, is defined, and enshrined by law, as dwifungsi, "dual function" - a social-political role as well as a defensive one. It has given Indonesia unprecedented sta-

bility for 30 years. The former Dutch colony had no institutionalised political structures at independence, after four years of Japanese occupation, half a century ago. The army, which grew out of bands of young fighters, moved into the void. Megawati Sukarnoputri, who heads the pro-democracy

They are part of the soul of the country - they will always have an important function and it is right that they should," she said this week.

Kusnanto Anggoro, a researcher for the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta, agrees. People have nothing against the army. The democracy movement is not aimed at them, although there is a feeling that the army should have a lesser role. People are not really asking for more democracy. What they want is a government that is more accountable, less corrupt and less bureaucraric."

President Suharto shows signs of distancing himself from the new generation of military leaders. "He feels some high-ranking officers do not support him." Mr Anggoro said. "The number of seats in the House of Representanves reserved for the military will be reduced from 100 to 75 at the general election

Ten of his Cabinet ministers are acting or retired army officers, and his Vice-President is a former head of the armed forces. The military is involved in a huge range of business interests, profits from which finance many of its functions, as well as provide opportunities for highranking corruption. There is open contempt within the army for civilian liberal democracy, which was tried with disastrous results in the 1950s. and most civilian politicians agree that Western-style democracy would not work.

The real impact of this week's pro-democracy riots is to focus debate on how far, if at all, the military should retreat from the centre of power, personified by the almost one-man rule of General Suharto. The past week's trouble was a reminder of what forces must continue to play a central role in politics. They privileged and unaccountable came from the grassroots. .rulers.

#### Interrogation go-ahead

authorised the interrogation of the woman leader of Indonesia's pro-democracy movement after last weekend's riots. The move demonstrates his determination to fight calls for more open government (Christopher Thomas writes). Last night, Megawati Sukarnoputri said she had not

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PRESIDENT SUHARTO has was ready to answer any questions. The Attorney-General's Office has been seeking official permission to question her about her role in the run-

Muchtar Pakpahan, a dissident union leader, was charged yesterday with subversion over the riots, which carries a possible death



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Flashing lights and silver balls lure Japan's pinball players to spend £193 billion a year

#### Japan's pinball wizardry becomes fatal addiction

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

A FOUR-year-old boy wandered out of the amusement arcade where his mother was playing pinball -- known to the Japanese as pachinko -tumbled into an irrigation ditch and drowned. Outside another pachinko parlour. two brothers, a two-year-old and a one-year-old, suffocated in a car left by their mother while she went in for a "quick

The incidents typify the pachinko deaths" of children forgotten by pinball-obsessed mothers reported by the Japanese press in recent weeks. In little more than a year, about 30 child fatalities have been attributed to accidents while parents were enjoying a flut-ter. The tragedies have prompted newspaper editori-als and sociologists to lament that pachinko is no longer harmless fun, but becoming

One in four Japanese - 30 million - plays regularly, and about a third are women. Even the smallest town has a pachinko parlour. Across the country there are 4.7 million machines, one for every 26 Japanese. Beneath garish

an addiction for increasing

numbers of players.

neon, customers sit shoulder to shoulder before rows of vertical pinball machines, hypnotised by streams of spinning silver balls, flashing red lights and clanging bells. Students of the culture have said that the Japanese enjoy the anonymity, and find fulfil-ment in surroundings that

vision of hell. "You have to remember that this game, which I per-sonally think is horrible, is not confined to dimwits and the unemployed," says Hideaki Kase, an author and political commentator.

look to many foreigners like a

Pachinko is big business shovelling in revenues estimated by the Government at \$300 billion (£193 billion) a year - 25 per cent of all revenues in the service sector. The Government does not classify pachinko as gambling like horse, bicycle and motorboat racing, and officially the only prizes are items such as biscuits, wrist watches or toiletries.

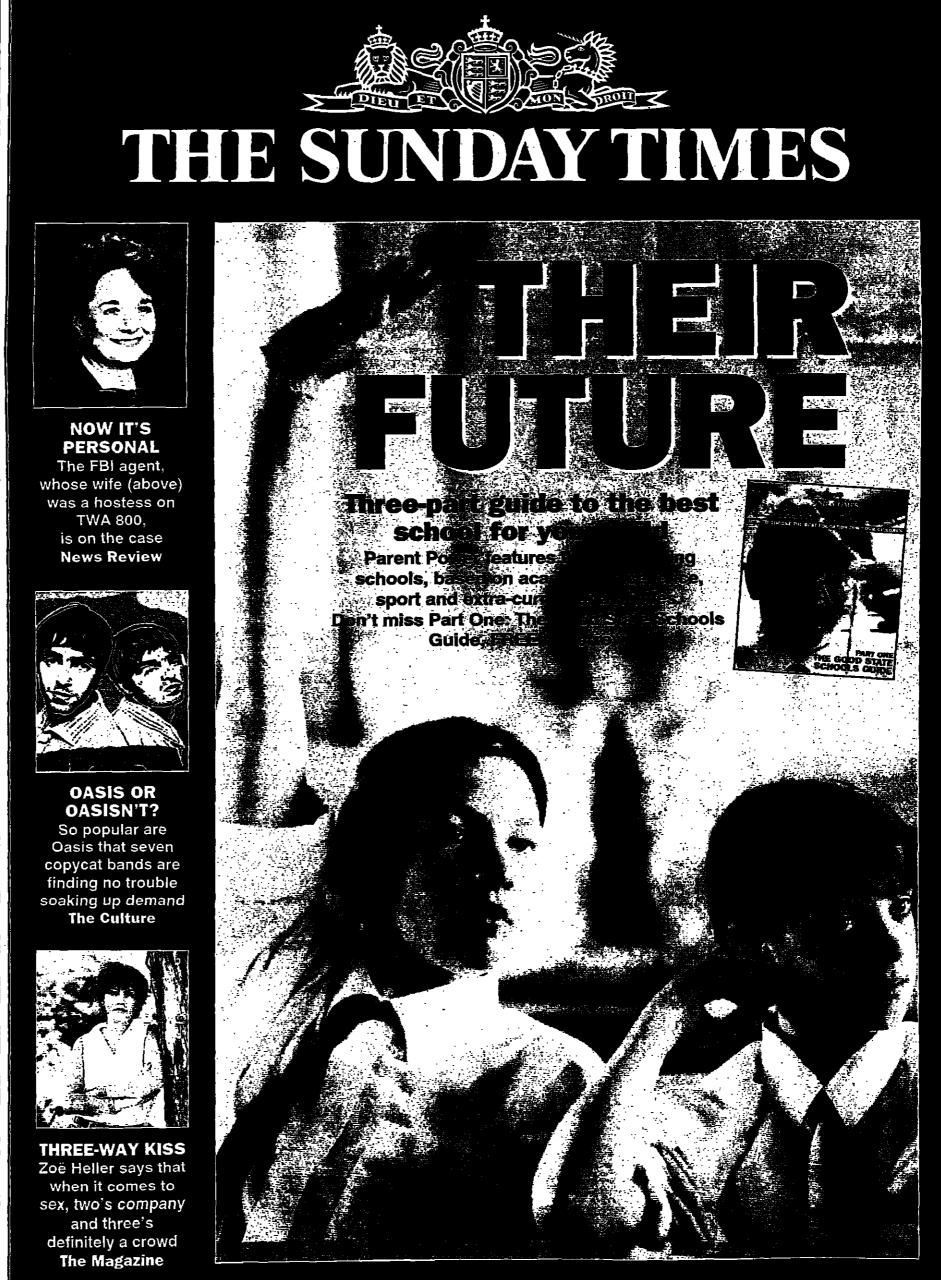
But around every corner is little place that exchanges the prizes for cash — an illegal practice to which the police close their eyes. It is no

coincidence that senior police officers assume jobs in the pachinko industry after

retirement. The corrupting force of pachinko has been apparent for years. Tax evasion is rampant, gangsters skim off some of the profits, and more recently the scandal of forging pre-paid pachinko cards has made headlines. But now some commentators fear that the ill effects are seeping into society at large. The rate of young people playing has grown, and more Japanese are becoming hooked.

In the past 15 months, there have been more than 200 reported cases of pachinkorelated crimes, such as stealing to support a pachinko addiction. But most disturbing are the "pachinko deaths" which Takeshi Sato, a social psychology professor, blames on the irresponsibility of young parents and the unstoppable rise in the addiction to this form of gambling.

This week, pachinko associations summoned members to discuss the issue. Fearing imposed regulation, the operators promised to put their house in order.



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#### France's favourite mercenary, out of Africa and out of prison, comes up trumps

# Dog of war has his day

FRANCE'S most notorious "soldier of fortune" bade a farewell to arms this week after emerging from a Paris prison to the sort of fanfare usually re-

served for returning Olympians or elderly heroes of the Resistance. France has always had an ambivalent attitude towards "Colonel" Bob Denard, the last of a breed war-dogs whose exploits have

inspired countless novels and films

as well as an enduring personal mythology.

M Denard and his band of mercenaries. Les Affreux (The Terrors), have played a dubious part in dozens of African conflicts since the 1960s, most recently the attempt to mount a coup in the Comoros Islands last October, but this has been done with such panache that France has nonetheless adopted M Denard as a beloved national anti-hero.

"I have come back to square one,"

Hair looms at the Opera

THE Paris Opera museum has just opened one of the stranger exhibitions of modern times which includes the beard of Saint-Saëns, who wrote Samson and Delilah, and a lock of Berlioz's hair shaped into a question mark.

The hirsute heritage of great French composers is part of a vast collection of artefacts gathered by music buffs in honour of their idols. These include Chopin's handker-

PARIS FILE by BEN **MACINTYRE** 

> he announced on leaving La Santé, the Paris jail where he has spent the past nine months in the company of some of France's top industrialists.

> "I don't have the energy, physically or psychologically, to go back to war. It's over. I will soon be 68. I am an old man," he declared. He has plenty of energy left for self-publicity, however, and the French press clustered adoringly, noting "the blue of his eyes has lost none of its vigour". Paris-Match awarded him

the full five-star celebrity treatment. Denard's ability to escape punishment, just as he survived so many African battlefields un-scathed, rests on a talent for imply-

proves that music fans of the last

century were just as obsessive as

those of the present.

decide whether to press charges, a ruling M Denard awaits with a 'serenity" that is probably justified Since leaving La Santé, the irretorian divas. Gounod's pipe, the pressible M Denard has traded his battle dress for the mantle of gossip spectacles worn by Massenet and a revolver that belonged to Beethoven. Saint-Saëns's beard, we are told, columnist, regaling anyone who will listen with stories of his illustrious was clipped off on his deathbed by fellow inmates in France's most Gabriel, his valet, who left it to the Opera. The exhibition may not add a great deal to the art of opera. but

exclusive prison. He described how he learnt to paint with a disgraced businessman ("I'm better at painting with a pistol") and played football with Jacques Crozemarie, the jailed head



Bob Denard: "I don't have the energy to go back to war"

of France's largest cancer charity. Lolk Le Floch-Prigent, the former chairman of the French rail network imprisoned on suspicion of corrup-

tion, taught him to play bridge.
In the evening, M Denard recalled, a voice could be heard shouting from the basement cells: "It's Carlos here, Carlos is wishing

you good night." It was Ilich Ramírez Sanchez, alias Carlos the Jackal, the accused international terrorist.

"No one ever answered him." sniffed M Denard, bridge partner to captains of industry. Dogs of war have standards. They don't mix with

I think, therefore I need therapy

VOLTAIRE wrote that philosophy would extinguish the "flames of superstition". But can it also soothe the troubled minds of Parisians fraught with 20th-century angst?

Carole Tresson, a young French philosopher, believes it can, and has just opened a "philosophy clinic", where the words of the great thinkers are being administered in varying doses to those racked by the meaning of life, or lack

Psychology helps to answer the question "Why have I become what I am?" but philosophy, or rather philo-thérapie. tackles the yet more fundamental issue of "Why am I here?", Mme Tresson

Her\_first patient went to Mme Tresson because, since retirement, he had lost all interest in life. He was not mentally ill, but rather assailed by doubts and cosmic

The philosopher placed him on a strict regimen of Aristotle and Plato and he has now completely recovered — so much so that he has enrolled himself in a course of philosophy at the Sorbonne.

#### Algerian militants murder bishop

By BEN MACINTYRE AND MARK HUBAND

AN OUTSPOKEN French bishop was killed by a terrorist bomb at his home in Algeria on Thursday night. only hours after he welcomed the French Foreign Minister on a visit intended to improve relations between France and its former colony.

Mgr Pierre Claverie, 58, the Bishop of Oran, was mur-dered by suspected Muslim extremists when he returned from meeting Hervé de Charette. The Bishop's driver was also killed.

The French Government insisted yesterday that its determination to establish a closer relationship with Algeria would not be "blown off course" by terrorists trying to scupper French political and financial support for the military-dominated Government in Algiers. But the assassination is a serious blow.

Mgr Claverie was the fortieth French citizen and the 🕏 most senior clergyman to die in Algeria's violence, and his murder has prompted new fears that Islamic militants may renew last year's bombing campaign on French soil. Earlier, M de Charette was

accompanied by Mgr Claverie as he laid a wreath at the graves of seven Trappist monks kidnapped and then murdered earlier this year by the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the factions lighting to oust the

Algerian Government. The GIA has cited French financial support for the Algerian Government as justification for killing French nationals. Its leader, Djamel Zitouni, who is believed to have ordered the monks' murder, was killed in an ambush last week.

Born in Algeria, the bishop strongly supported the Algerian struggle for independence. The Church in Algeria is Algerian, not French. Our blood is mixed. We have chosen to share the fate of the Algerian people, for better or worse," he said after the murder of the monks in May.



President Yeltsin, left, is visited in hospital by Viktor Chernomyrdin after he had a heart seizure last year

#### Weary Yeltsin advised to take two months off

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

FURTHER doubts were cast on President Yeltsin's fitness to rule Russia for a second term when one of his closest aides suggested yesterday that the Kremlin leader needed two months off work to regain his strength

Georgi Satarov, a senior Kremlin aide and one of the architects of the Russian leader's re-election victory last month, admitted that Mr Yeltsin was suffering "colossal fatigue" as a result of intensive campaigning.

"Intellectually he is, of course, in very strong form. But physically ... he needs probably about two months to recover from overwork," Mr Satarov said in a lengthy interview in Segodnya.

"He needs some rest. He needs to regain his strength," he said. "He is, after all, an old man. There is nothing you can do about that," he said

This was one of the first times that a senior Kremlin figure has stated that something might be wrong with the Russian leader since he virtually disappeared from public view on the eve of his reelection on July 3. Mr Satarov added to speculation about the seriousness of the situation when he discussed the thorny question of succession. He said the three leading contenders were Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, General Aleksandr Lebed, the secretary of the Security Council, and Yuri Luzhkov, the

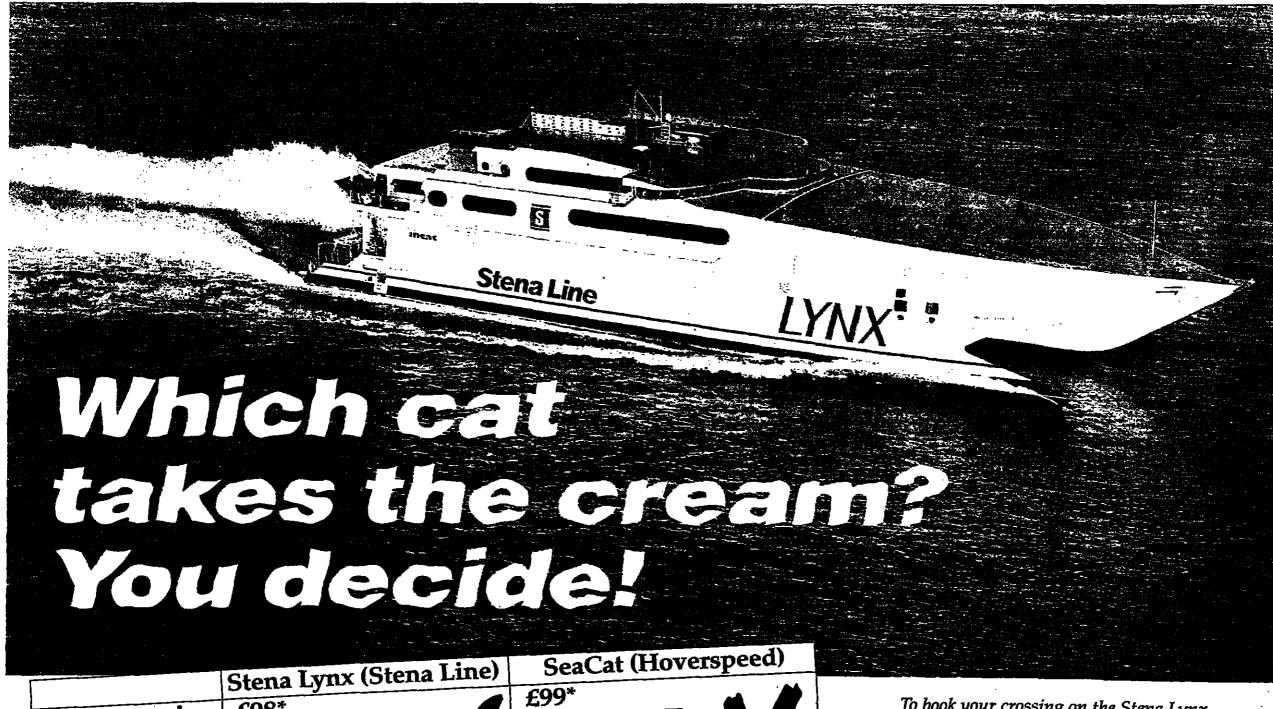
Mayor of Moscow. While Mr Yeltsin is regularly shown on television in short, edited items, he has become a virtual recluse at his country residence of Barvikha outside Moscow, Rumours circulating in the capital have suggested that his absence was caused by everything from drinking bouts to renewed heart problems, which led to two seizures last year. Vyacheslav Nikonov.

another Kremlin confidant, said that at this point it did not matter whether the Russian leader was seen in public or not. "Of course, he will appear on August 9 for his inauguration ceremony, but apart from that his work is done for the time being," he said. "He won the election and established the foundations of a stable Government. He has earned

his rest, and like millions of

Russians is taking a welldeserved holiday." However, Russia is facing several crises which require strong leadership. A miners'

strike over back pay, which began in the Far East last month, is spreading rapidly and could lead to a national strike next week. In Chechenia, peace efforts have all but broken down, with several Russian soldiers being killed every day. The Government's ability to act has been hampered by the power struggle between Mr Chernomyrdin and General Lebed over who will set policy priorities.



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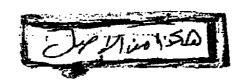
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Shows are bona fide entries.

believe it or not, in this year's

Edinburgh Fringe programme, from which all quotes are taken.

My apologies to the performers

concerned: I am sure your shows

will turn out to be triumphs. It's

just that they sound ghastly from the descriptions you give. Have you ever thought of employing a

top professional writer like Jeffrey

Archer to pen your pre-show publicity? Oh, I see — you did.

Never mind, you can't win them

all. Here are the Terrible Twelve:

● I. The Sanity of Trees. This "multimedia installation" will ex-

amine "nature and humanity, and

the nature of humanity" using the

words of "Finland's leading poet".
You don't have to be Finnish to

ntil now the Eng-

lish Touring Com-

pany has had a

reputation for tak-

be Aunt Julia's hat.

worn by Hermes in his

winged messenger mode? Or is the hat actually about to take flight and kill a bird

smaller than itself, such as an

owl? Or are the feathers ouill

pens waiting for a poet titanic

enough to compose an epic

But then the production gets

going, halting facetious rumi-

nation in its tracks. It is not

just decent, not just solid, but

decidedly classy. Thanks largely to Kermeth McLeish's

simple, punchy translation and Unwin's adroit direction,

the evening combines narra-

tive clarity with pace. And thanks to the thoughtful skills of Alexandra Gilbreath's

Hedda and the intelligence of

those supporting her, I found

myself looking at the play's

key events in a new way.

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Rozhdestvensky goes straight for the heart in a wide-ranging programme with the BBC Symphony



**BLUES** 

America's hot young guitarist, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, shows why he is really going places

Thinking about making the journey north next weekend for the world's greatest cultural binge? No. not the annual pointy-ears competition of the Carlisle Star Trek Appreciation Society, you satirical bunch. I mean the Edinburgh Festival. Well, if you are - and especially if you aren't — this article is for you.
Other journalists may promise
"indispensable" festival guides to the best, the unmissable, the incredible. But only this column presents the really essential Edinburgh list. The Fringe Shows That You Almost Certainly Won't Want

To See With thousands of hopeless hopefuls to choose from, our task was tough. Naturally we eliminated the obvious candidates: "hilarious" revues by Cambridge medical students; pretentious teenage actresses tipped as "new Emma Thompsons" or any show billed as the "latest Celtic dance sensation". Nevertheless, we think we have 12 fringe shows with the potential to be world-class stink-

staging of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler

pint of vodka might help.

2 Ned Sherrin and Friends.

The dinner party from hell seems

to have escaped from Radio 4. Still, this daily chat show could have been worse. Nick Ross and

Friends? Julia Carling and Friends? Thank heaven for Ned

Sherrin, that's what I say.

3. Live And Let Fry. "Physical

theatre and comedy attack gender stereotyping and normality". Just

an average morning in the Church

■4. Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaargh. Which

is the name of a company so

desperate for attention that it went

to these bizarre lengths to be first

in the Fringe Programme's alpha-betical listing. Still, at least it

succeeded. Spare a thought for the

companies with equally daft

names that were beaten into

second, third and fourth places:

of England, then.

IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

the Assassassassa Late Show, the Asa Panto, and the Aardvark

● 5. Indge — A Bulgarian Legend.

"The theatre department of the

New Bulgarian University returns

Theatre Company.

THEATRE: Classy Ibsen revival confounds prejudices; Tom Jones on song

New ribbons on old hat



to the Fringe with a play in which the actors' unique movements create a borderline aesthetic. form". Now that's something you don't often see in the West End. • 6. The Nearly Dead Shelf. This new ballet "tracks a serial killer's

remaining moments on Death Row". You have to admit it will make a change from Swan Lake. The company promises to leave audiences "battered and bruised". Lovely. Do we get to wear handcuffs as well? ● 7. Elektra-La-La. Among the

inevitable "bold" interpretations of theatrical classics in this year's festival are the subtly-named How To Get Screwed ("What would happen to psychosis-ridden young offenders Hamlet and Ophelia in today's Britain?"), and, of course, that annual favourite, Lady Macbeth Firmed My Buttocks (Shake-

Wee guide to the best of the worst Blektra-La-La (which "transports Sophocles to the world of the homeless and the Internet in present-day Los Angeles will surely be a front-runner in the race to win the 1996 Jonathan Miller Award for Pointless Updating.

●8. The House of Correction Apparently this is a wild, crazy, American absurdist, neo-realist thriller". Or, as the critic from Variety wrote: "The evils of psy-chotic schizophrenia versus the even more ugly aspects of preten-tious armchair liberalism is nothing short of hilarious." Er, if you say so, duckie. With rave reviews

like that, who needs enemies?

• 9. Scrying. "A drama about women, rimal and suicide". I do like a light comedy, don't you? And here's another ...

• 10. Trance. "Severs the boundary between the imagination and

of the Charles Manson family murders." And all done in the best possible taste, I'm sure. But as the Chicago Tribune warned ominously: "Not for the faint of heart or full of storeach."

11. Am I Screaming Quietly?
"Have you ever wondered what

toys would say if they could talk?" No, I can't say I've ever wondered that. But I bet it's kinky, otherwise it wouldn't be at the Edinburgh Fringe. Why don't you tell us? "The toys explore the apparently normal childhood of Jo and Lisa, but discover instead a tainted past."
Yup, just as we thought.

12. The Fathers That Begat Us.

"A spell-binding minimalist Polish montage enacting a midnight ritual in which the dead are raised from their graves." Gosh, all that and a guest appearance by Pamela Anderson as well! No. not really, chaps. I just thought the poor old Poles needed a bit of a boost at the box office. This could be the worstattended show in the history of the Fringe - and that takes some

#### Hard axe to follow

IT'S a long way from Shreve-port. Louisiana, to London's Oxford Street. But Kenny Wayne Shepherd should be used to travelling now - both onwards and upwards. The young guitarist has just spent 20 weeks at the top of the Billboard blues charts with his impressive debut album, Ledbetter Heights.

His influences are apparent and, to his credit, he makes no attempt to hide them. Stevie Ray Vaughan is obviously his main man. But there was enough variety and inventiveness on display at the 100 Club to show he is an artist ready to build on, rather than ape, the heritage of the late Texas star. Pencil thin, with a mane of blond hair, Shepherd looks even younger than his 19 years

> Kenny Wayne Shepherd The 100 Club

until he starts to play. Power

chords pile on power chords in an instrumental cascade as he pounds his guitar, head swaying and hair flying, backed by cast-iron support from his four-piece backing band.

He opened with the New Orleans-flavoured instrumental title track of his album, with its tricky second-line rhythms, and showed from the start that this was a band that played and, but only occasionally, sang. Back in the dance band era.

78s would carry the words "With Vocal Refrain" - and refrain is just what singer Corey Sterling did for most of the first half of the show. The odd vocal chorus would be pitted against the skills of the young master, but it was an unequal contest. Even when Sterling had a chance to shine on the Bukka White classic Aberdeen, the song changed a gear midway and we were soon heading for the heavy metal highway at full throttle. By the end of the evening, you were wishing for a little of the restraint that Shepherd had shown earlier on. But that is only a minor criticism of a guitarist who still has the time and talent to scale even greater heights. Remember the name; it's one you will be hearing again and often.

JOHN CLARKE

Hedda Gabler Donmar

ing decent, solid but not wildly exciting stuff to decent, solid into going on an alcoholic spree? Why does she then pile but not wildly exciting towns; destruction on destruction. so I hope its top brass will forgive me for suspecting that the most memorable thing in burning the manuscript he has drunkenly mislaid and, as a last throw, giving him the pistol with which he kills Stephen Unwin's revival of Hedda Gabler was going to himself? Most productions As you may recall, this object materialises at the start leave you with the feeling that ennui, impotence and conof Ibsen's play. Boring old tempt for the ordinary have Julia leaves it on one of genteel Hedda's chairs, and Hedda combined to turn the potentially good in her to evil. Fiona maliciously pretends she thinks it is a second-hand Shaw, the most striking of recent Heddas, suggested all that and went on to imply that bonnet dumped there by the maid. But here the slur is six months of honeymooning abroad with her unsuitable doubly provocative, for milehusband, Tesman, had finally high white feathers protrude tesque parody of the headgear akin to clinical madness.

> tive Tesmans I have seen. Neither a dull honeymoon nor long-term ennui wholly explains why Gilbreath, a pale, aloof Hedda with a sort of precious sob built into her voice, goes so far over the top. No, the reason is also that Jonathan Phillips's vivid, sexy Lovberg is himself a bit of a sadist, and makes it painfully evident to her that his current mistress. Thea, is satisfactorily fulfilling all the roles she refused. He rubs it in by repeating the love-code he and Hedda once used - "absolute trust", "comrade in arms" and thus activates the anger we have already sensed sim-mering beneath Gilbreath's wincing surface. Her Hedda

But Crispin Letts is one of

the least wet and most asser-

wants revenge, and gets it. Thus does a scene packed Why does Hedda deliberatewith subtle resentments give ly bait Lovberg, the would-be lover she years ago rejected. the rest of the play urgency



Venom and vengeance: Crispin Letts as Tesman and Alexandra Gilbreath as Hedda

and immediacy. That is a recommendation in itself, and there are others in Unwin's revival, notably Carol Starks's unusually strong and passionate Thea and David Killick's Judge Brack, a killer-dandy behind whose elegant morning suit and svelte silver

moustache is a tough predator very clearly prepared to transform Hedda into his private sex object. I shall never think of the English Touring Company so patronisingly again.

BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE** 

#### From Russia with verve

THE conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky is a mercurial musician with one of the widest repertoires in the busi-ness, and few could have matched the way he went to the heart of three utterly different works in the span of Thursday's Prom. His programme with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, of which he was formerly chief conductor, contrasted Bruckner, Stravinsky and Schnittke in stimulating succession, each revealing another side of his impulsive temperament. Impulsiveness is hardly the

first quality that Bruckner conductors need, and Rozhdestvensky, who has played all the composer's symphonies in Russia, never let it obstruct the idiomatic flow in his performance of the Second Symphony. But it was turned to advantage: his tendency to that the blazing ends of the outer movements crept up excitingly. The Scherzo (and its yodelling Trio) rolled along with vigour, but elsewhere Rozhdestvensky took an unhurried view of the music, emphasising its early Roman-tic roots. He received glowing playing from the orchestra. Stravinsky's Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra came as a complete contrast. Its concerto grosso-like groupings within the orchestra place it firmly among the composer's Neo-Classical works, and al-

though Tchaikovsky seems to

cast a shadow in places, the

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piece remains one of the freshest from his middle period. The solo part, which Stravinsky wrote for himself to play, was dispatched here with clarity and spiky bril-liance by Victoria Postnikova. The score mixes melancholy lyricism with high-spirited vigour, and Rozhdestvensky caught every mood.

He also turned up as arranger of the final item: a suite from Schnittke's film score Dead Souls, receiving its first London performance. Inspired by Gogol's classic, it is also patchy, but the best is worthy of Prokofiev's and Shostakovich's cinematic efforts. One of Schnittke's 60or-so movie scores, it includes rousing dances, a march in Soviet military style and numerous effects: the orchestra includes a battery of percussion, organ, harpsichord and two metronomes. Rozhdestvensky was lively and also played to the crowd with overstated, typically Russian antics - much like the last night of the Proms, but more

JOHN ALLISON

HENRY FIELDING's bawdy satirical novel is wonderfully rumbustious. The adventures of his Somerset rake are always game for spirited adaptations. Here the Theatre Royal's multitalented troupe

applauded for their Moll Flanders last summer - take the bull by the horns with a sense of fun and style. They are staging Fielding's episodic epic as a musical. John Doyle's nine-strong

company juggle characters,

**Tom Jones** Theatre Royal, York

instruments and theatrical inventiveness. Jeremy Harrison's Tom, losing his virginity. toots away on his trombone as Molly (frisky Elizabeth Marsh) rolls around at his feet. Before you can say "Jack Robinson", our roving foundling has moved on to twang-ing a guitar, plucking a double duet with his devoted sweet-heart Sophia (fiddle-playing Emma Kershawl.

musical debauchery

George Stiles's score is merrily eclectic, arranged by Kate Edgar with everything to hand from bodhrans to alto saxes slung over springy hooped bustles. The best tunes echo period airs and operatic arias. The soft-rock numbers are less successfully integrated and too slushy for Fielding. The key pleasure of Doyle's

bass and singing a romantic adaptation is the preservation of the novel's narrative voice. The company chorus us through the chapters - "Part the First" and so on - at a gallop, racing us round wayside hostelries then town houses, and up and down two staircases. They poke their heads through curtains and picture frames, pulling hid-

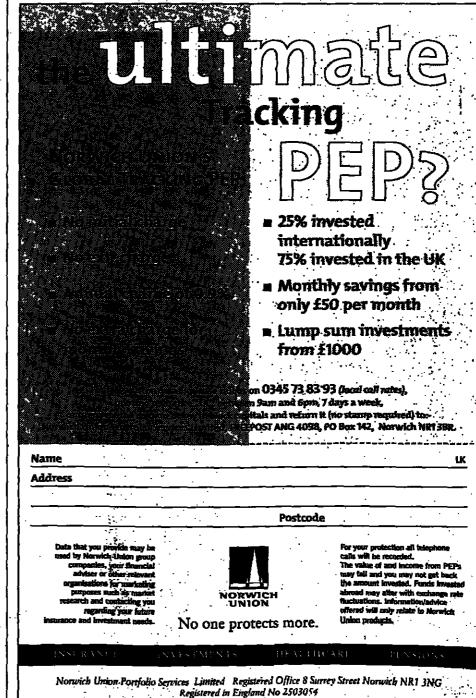
Fielding's rogues

eous faces.

wenches, envisaged by design-er Jessica Tyrwhitt, might be punky elves. Tom's snooty rival Blifil has corkscrewing blue hair. The country folk are also barnyard beasts. Squire Western is bewigged like a greasy'ram. The maid at the inn stomps off like a retarded hen, legs stiff, chin sunk on chest, a tuft of feathers sticking out of her otherwise bald pate. Whitened faces with dark streaks round the eyes give a whiff of grotesque diseases while the purer Sophia has a hint of Columbine.

However, Harrison is a mildly disappointing hero. He fails to sizzle with sex appeal. The ladies outshine the gents here, including Mike Afford who transforms himself into a delightful drag landlady, simply tying a ballooning lacy skirt under his armpits and primping lightly. Some of the singing needs sharpening. The production runs out of steam and the closing plot twists concerning Tom's parentage could be tidier. But en route we are shown a good

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# Sleeping beauties of France

Marcus Binney on the historic

châteaux in need of reawakening

ore than 200 fine houses are falling gracelessly into ruin. I know, as i chronicled dozens of them in a weekly column called Heap of the Week in The Times. The houses are victims of government apathy. Parliament has provided a battery of legisla-tion to protect our heritage, but until recently ministers have failed to use it.

Does France have the same problem, I wondered? Guided Philippe by Philippe Seydoux, an art **6** I discovered historian who has published some houses two dozen handy that were guides to châteaux in northern empty and France, I set out to find the anothers close swer — and discovered a chain

to collapse 9 of problem cháteaux, some simply empty, a few badly decayed and others nearing collapse. The first stop was Villers-

sous-Saint-Leu, north of Paris. a delightful mansarded stone chateau with the roof falling in. Next came a real sleeping beauty. Verderonne, set deep in a beautiful English-style park and complete with moat and pepperpot towers. Neglected but not yet crumbling. it begged to be turned into a comfortable château hotel.

Sadder still was Beaucamps-le-Jeune near Abbeville, snapped up by English speculators when the Channel Tunnel got the go-ahead. Through the centuries, this delightful 16th-century manor had expanded around a large courtyard garden to become a seminary. If serious repairs are not begun soon, the best parts will be rubble.

A bigger problem was Méréville. The most beautiful landscaped park of the late 18th century", bought by Japanese speculators for a golf course and now abandoned. The grounds abound with ornamental bridges and elab-orate grottoes. The château was boarded up but not vandalised. The minister of culture is looking for a new

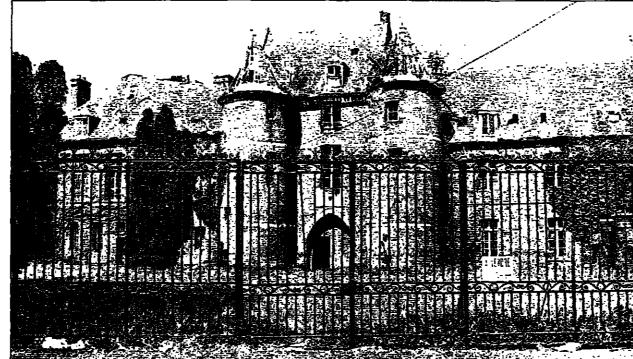
owner. But with a landscape of this importance. it is his department which should take it on and open it to the

These. however, were the exceptions. The other empty chateaux I saw, unlike so many of their British counterparts.

had sound roofs and were windproof and watertight.

Vaux, south of Troyes, stands at the end of a threemile avenue. Abandoned since 1935, it was eventually bought by the psychiatrist Philippe Vallery-Radot, whose widow has sensitively converted the wings for the "family" of 36 mentally handicapped girls she looks after. Monuments Historiques is putting the finishing touches to the smartest tin roof I have ever seen. tailored like a tea cosy to fit round each dormer window and keep the house dry.

Just up the road Villemartin. From the map it luoks blighted beyond hope by a new autoroute. In fact the traffic impinges surprisingly



Beaucamps-le-Jeune near Abbéville, a magnificent lóth-century château that has fallen into a serious state of decay

little, its noise drowned by a mill race beside the stable courtyard. This is an ideal candidate for conversion into self-contained houses and cottages — if only the local distillery which owns the place would sell.

West into Normandy, the Château de Tonville was the Marie Celeste of those I visited: immaculate yet deserted amid avenues of noble trees. It was bequeathed to the département as an old people's home. Now a legal dispute has arisen over plans to

Nearby, Saint-Aubin de Cretot stands at the end of an overgrown avenue with its steel shutters closed. A farmer occupies the outbuildings but the chateau cries out for use. At Sées in south Normandy.

the vast and imposing Bish-op's Palace beside the Gothic cathedral stands empty, with weeds growing in the main courtyard. But the departement and Monuments Historiques have moved in to carry out extensive repairs

while a new use is sought. Finally came the great chateau of the Duke de Cars, at Sourches near Le Mans, bought by a Japanese couple who acquired a string of large houses on both sides of the Channel and, when the funds ran out, sold off the panelling and chimneypieces.

In Britain we have long tended to take a superior attitude. Our country houses are better looked after, more lived-in and still furnished, we say. In France, we fondly believe, all châteaux were

pillaged in the revolution and since then every set of chairs has been divided equally among the children, because there is no system of

The reality is different. First. the French have many more châteaux than Britain has stately homes. The Annuaire des Châteaux of 1888 lists 40.000 château owners, compared to the Historic Houses Association estimate of 10,000 country seats in the whole of the British Isles in 1900.

In Britain vast numbers of country houses have been demolished: more than 2,000 since 1870, according to the historian John Harris. In France I have found a

different pattern. Of more than 100 chateaux, large and small, photographed at ranFrederick Evans in 1906-07, just one has gone - and that was in the middle of the battlefield of the Somme.

The main difference is that most French châteaux sit in much smaller estates. British families have often chosen to keep the land rather than the house. In France, the château is the prized possession. The most crucial difference of all is that thanks to tougher government policies in France, there is less prospect of developers obtaining lucrative permis-

sion to build in the grounds. In Britain, speculators believe that houses actually increase in value as they decay, and that planners will eventually give them a fat chunk of development land to make restoration viable.

#### **GREAT BRITISH HOPES**

Rising stars in the arts firmament JOHN WARD

Age: 29

Profession: Singer-songwriter and guitarist on the folk and acoustic circuit. Positive noises: The press has greeted Ward as a highly original, slightly quirky performer of maturity and depth. "One of my strengths." Ward says. "is that I range right across from blues to mainstream sounds." His latest album, though it does not do justice to the vibrancy of his live gigs, is Water On The Stone on the ION label.

Sightings: Ward will be at London's top roots venue. the Weavers in Islington, on August 18. Between concerts he can be found wandering the lanes around Lowestoft, where

he lives "between wheat fields and the sea", 12 miles from How did he happen upon the folk scene? Ward began as a rock guitarist, plugging away in teenage bands. Finally he stepped through the door of the Lowestoft Folk Club. "I was instantly enthralled," he remembers. "I didn't know anything about this music. Back at home I had one Pete

Seeger LP that had been bought for me as a child because it had Little Boxes on it. I put it on for the first time since I was four and discovered all these other songs. I thought straight away. This is what I want to play. Folk music," he adds. "seemed more subtly rebellious than rock'n'roll. The lyrics are more exposed. Things are said that you wouldn't say in

Bugbears: "That a few people at the top are fabulously wealthy, while the majority struggle," says Ward, echoing the social comment in his songs, "And another thing," he adds, "Neat gardens."

Passions: Nature — he was a birdwatcher as a boy — and photography. "But my main love is performing live," he says. "Music is all I've ever wanted to do."

Roughing it: When first starting out, eager to get work at folk fests, the young Ward headed excitedly for Whitby. having wangled a ticket for the festival campsite. The river flooded. His tent was awash. Ward simultaneously ran out of money. He survived the week by staring hopefully at people's snacks in the local pub. He was then fined for sleeping in the car park.

On himself: "I guess," he says with a little smile, "I'm quite tenacious. And I'm optimistic, Most of the time."

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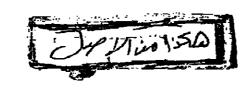
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Actor Bob Hoskins is headed for the West End, starring in a new play by the US dramatist Jon Marans



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.while Natasha Richardson is New York-bound, as Sally Bowles in the Sam Mendes staging of Cabaret

# Ancient blooms that never fade

f you think that Dutch flower painting is deco-rative but dull, a backwater of European art. prepare to reconsider. Dulwich Picture Gallery has put together the first international loan exhibition of Dutch flower painting to be held in this country and offers a fascinating chronology of its evolution and a new discovery - possibly the best work in the show.

Where flower painting came from, and why it was embraced with such enthusiasm by Dutch artists and the public in the 17th century, is something of a mystery. There were a few paintings of flowers in the previous 50 years, mainly in Italy, but nothing that heralded an imminent craze. The 17th century also witnessed the birth of the new genres of landscape, still life and scenes of everyday life. Across Western Europe religious painting was elbowed aside in a revolution in taste that had profound consequences for Western art.

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By 1600, when Dutch flower paintings took off, flowers were established as luxury objects in Europe, imported first from the Levant and then cultivated in Holland and elsewhere. Striped tulips were the ne plus ultra of horticultural desire, a desire that in Holland translated itself it into economic speculation. In the mid-1620s, prices for bulbs began to spiral upwards and

**Isabel Carlisle** 

on a show of 17th-century

Dutch flower painting at Dulwich

high. A single bulb of the red-on-white striped Semper Au-gustus tulip sold for the equivalent today of £250,000. In February 1637, prices crashed and tulip fanciers faced ruin, but Dutch flower painting survived and went from strength to strength. From the very beginning artists such as Ambrosius

Bosschaert, Jan Breughel and Roelandt Savery strove for an almost photographic realism. They relied for their effects on unnatural lighting, theatrical shadows and the virtuoso details of gems, dewdrops and insects. The dark, almost black, backgrounds and the brightly lit flowers create an unreal world, existing outside space and time. The blooms are perfect despite the advancing caterpillars; the frog and lizard beneath Savery's vase of flowers obligingly pose one on either side. Although the roses, irises and tulips glow with colour, these early attempts over the next 15 years went sky are suffocatingly constrained.

der Ast, who lived in Delft and could just possibly have been Vermeer's teacher, relaxes the conventions. He puts flowers in a basket and strews them over the table-top, together with red currants and cherries. He intimates a context by painting the reflection of a window in the curved glass of a vase and paints shells with as much delicacy as petals. It is a pointer towards the sensuous potential of flower painta sheer delight in shapes and colours unhampered by any need to convey a narrative or moral message. Anthony Claesz is one of the first to discover this in a painting of 1642 of sultry browns and reds, with the atmosphere of an impending thunderstorm. In the latter part of the century De Heem was the

most celebrated of the flower painters. His Cartouche of Fruit and Flowers with a Portrait of Prince William of Orange dazzles with the sheer complexity of creating a frame for the royal bust out of a pair of eagles, each holding a mother of pearl cornucopia from which spill grapes, oranges and vegetables and a lower swag of flowers draped over a submissive lion. Other artists were less formal and, in loosening up, approach a pitch of baroque inventiveness that is flower painting at its best. Willem van Aelst, Elias van den Broeck and Simon Vereist may not be names to conjure



Floral dance: Flower Still Life by Willem van Aelst is on show at Dulwich Picture Gallery

with in the 1990s, but one visit to this exhibition is enough to make them memorable. The groups of flowers have a sculptural three-dimensionality, with bright orange marigolds and deep blue morning glories carefully placed to create internal visual drama. The compositions become dar-

ingly diagonal and stems curve upwards while blooms hang down in attitudes of abandon. These paintings are as incisive as any portrait, and twice as flattering.

For me, it was Simon

Verelst, not the later and better known Jan van Huysum, who was the discovery of the exhibition. His pictures are so obsessively perfect in every detail that it is not surprising grandeur in which he called himself the King of the Flowers, and tried to arrange a

meeting with Charles II. A latecomer to the exhibition, in my view the best of all the paintings, was identified as a Verelst as the show opened.

The catalogue, by Paul Taylor, who curated the exhibition, also deserves a mention as the most readable to accompany any show for a long time.

 Dutch Flower Painting, 1600-1750 is at Dulwich Ficture Gallery until September 29, sponsored by Aon Ariscope, De Braws Blackstone Estbroek Lovens & Volkmaars, MeesPierson, Noortman (London Ltd)

#### Hytner back to the boards

JUST when it seemed that the cinema had snapped him up forever, erstwhile opera and stage director Nicholas Hymer (The Madness of King George) will return to the National Theatre in January to direct the world premiere of Irish dramatist Martin McDonagh's The Cripple of Inishmaan. By that point, Hymer's eagerly awaited film of Arthur Miller's The Crucible - starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder, Joan Allen and Paul Scofield - will have been released in America, where it is tipped as a hot prospect

• LIKE tennis aces and gymnasts, American music stars just keep on getting younger. The latest prodigy is LeAnn Rimes, a 13-year-old country singer from Jackson, Mississippi, whose album Blue is at No 3 in the American charts, just two weeks after release. The LP will be out in Britain on the Curb label on August

for an Oscar.

• Bob Hoskins returns to the London stage for the first time in 14 years when he heads up the autumn West End premiere of American dramatist Jon Marans's Old Wicked Songs, directed by Elijah Moshinsky. Hoskins will open in the two-hander at the Bristol Old Vic in October before heading to London the next month.

● REHEARSALS begin on December 3 in New York for Sam Mendes's American theatrical debut - an off-Broadway production of Cabaret, with Natasha Richardson as Sally Bow-les and Alan Cummine as the MC. The production, with choreography by Mat-

February 7 at The Supper Club, a venue intended to recreate the Kit Kat Klub environment in Manhattan as Mendes's own Donmar Warehouse did several seasons back in London.

• THE Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will play a gala at the Albert Hall on September 15 to celebrate its fiftieth birthday. The orchestra was founded by Sir Thomas Beecham in September 1946. Four conductors (Menuhin, Temirka-nov, Maxwell Davies, Arwel Hughes) and an array of distin-guished solo-

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 AN auction of pop memorabilia will take place at Christie's on September 5. The highlight will be the third and final part of the Cynthia Lennon Collection, including John and Cynthia's four-poster bed. The Beatles figure strongly with such diverse items as The Beatles Yeah Yeah Yeah magnetic hair game and a full set of Beatles longeating liquorice records, once available at 10 cents a box (and now expected to fetch between £800-£1,200).

MacMillan, whose first fuil-scale opera will be performed at the Edinburgh Festival this month, is to be honoured with the unveiling of a new portrait to coincide with the premiere of Ines de Castro. The portrait, by Calum Colvin, Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

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CHANGING TIMES

Richard Shone, impressed by a new exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, considers attempts to capture writers on canvas

abide sitting." Such was Tennyson's unpropitious greeting to Hubert van Herkormer when he arrived at the poet's home on the Isle of Wight to take the great man's likeness. For someone who hated sitting to artists and photographers. Tennyson must have indeed suffered, for he is one of the most profusely portrayed writers of the last century. He was most memorably recorded in photo-graphs by Julia Margaret Cameron despite the fact that her subjects were impelled to sit still for what seemed like an eternity. Tennyson cavilled at the public exposure the published photographs entailed, complaining that innkeepers doubled their charges as soon as they saw him coming. Nor, he added, did he like the bags under his eyes (fortunately for us, Mrs Cameron was a notorious un-retoucher).

We find here all the elements that have run through the recording of writers with brush, pencil or lens. From the subjects' viewpoint there was, on the one hand, an abhorrence of personal publicity - there was something vulgar about seeing oneself in the illustrated papers; on the other, an image helped to boost sales, gave the public a face with

# Recording the master's likeness

which to identify. From the recorders' point of view, the snaring of a "celebrity" was a coup and might lead to glittering commissions. Muddying the waters in between were ruffled vanity, haggling over fees, importunate painters and wearied sitters.

To photograph a writer is usually a less fraught and time-consuming business than to paint one. Literati, the exhibition of photographs of writers by Mark Gerson which has just opened at the National Portrait Gallery, suggests a comfortable rapport between the photographer and his subjects. We find an offduty world of beaming novelists and convivial poets from Waugh and Murdoch to Ishiguro and A.N. Wilson. They have put their best foot forward, and if one or two look a little haggard and others mildly preoccupied, most smile obligingly. That the photographs were taken for publicity in the press explains the general air of pleasant relaxation, even to Muriel Spark shopping in Peckham Rye.



Gerson's Poets at Faber & Faber Party, 1960: Spender, Auden, Hughes, Eliot and MacNeice

To be painted for a portrait is quite a different matter, as many of the surrounding works at the gallery testify: portraiture has run out of steam and most images are mediocre or routine or, the artist trying to make a splash, end up as eccentric. But aesthetic considerations are not always the

our greatest writers (Shakespeare above all) we rely on works by amateur or justly unknown hands. That little sketch on ivory by Cassandra Austen is all we have of her sister. Some authors never came within the orbit of an artist: others were naturally retiring. But even they - Charlotte Bronte for point and for likenesses of some of example - could be persuaded to

sit if their publisher (as in her case) was sufficiently pressing. The fact that Virginia Woolf hated an artist's scrutiny of her face perhaps lies behind her tart refusal to be drawn for the Portrait Gallery's collection. "They send round a wretched boy to draw one in one sitting; then they keep the drawing in a cellar, and when I've been dead ten years they have it out and say Does anyone want to know what Mrs Woolf looked like?" No', say all the others. Then it's torn up."

But some writers positively wallow in the attentions of the painter and photographer - the faces of Bernard Shaw, Edith Sitwell and Somerset Maugham are known throughout the world. Even Henry James, who sat for Sargent in 1913. purred with satisfaction. — "I am really quite ashamed to admire it so much and so loudly." he told a friend — "it's so much as if I were calling attention to my own fine points. I don't alas, exhibit a 'point' in it, but I am all large and luscious otundity - by which you may see how true a thing it is."

James liked his portrait at once. When in 1949 Graham Sutherland painted his world-famous neigh-France, Somerset Maugham, Maugham was not allowed to see the picture until it was completed. Sutherland provided some bracing champagne at a studio private-viewing. Maugham

soon recovered from his initial shock — "I was really stunned. Could this face really be mine?" and came greatly to admire it. And by this one work. Sutherland was launched as an international portraitist. Only Maugham's old friend, Sir Gerald Kelly, remained sceptical: "To think that I have known Willie since 1902 and have only just recognised that, disguised as an old madame, he kept a

brothel in Shanghai!" Much depends on a writer's friends, on his or her availability, on some feeling for art, if posterity is to view him or her through a distinguished eye. In Britain, painters and writers rarely meet. Our leading figurative artists favour fellow practitioners over writers. and commissioned portraits have all the unpredictability of a mariage de convenance. Sympathy and friendship seem the best bet — T.S. Eliot by Wyndham Lewis or W.H. Auden by Coldstream are striking portraits that are also works of art. But if marriages of this kind are out of the question. then a date with Mark Gerson and his camera is the next best thing.

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# Where will the people go?

Paul Barker wants planners to adopt Victorian values

Town

The market towns of England are bursting at the seams. The most extreme example, perhaps, is Banbury. Since the M40 snaked through the Oxfordshire countryside, the pressure to build more and more houses has left the relics of the old town stranded, like a dying turtle on Bikini beach, amid the new brickwork. It is such a handy place for Birmingham or London.

Banbury is not alone. Every big city is now ringed by towns and villages which once were little rural jewels but which are now encrusted with estates of "executive homes".

The latest alarm signal comes from the Town and Country Planning Association. This week it published its national inquiry into housing pressures. The People -Where Will They Go? echoes a question posed, almost a hundred

years ago, by Ebenezer Howard, the founding father of the Garden Cities and New Towns movements.

planners ble lay in the soot-en-crusted squalor of the old seem like Canute's industrial city. Agriculture, meanwhile, was in courtiers depression. Answer: shift the people from the

city on to cheap, underused Now it is the flight from the cities that seems unstoppable. Money has been poured in but people and businesses wish to get out. Once, it was thought that a Green Belt around cities would limit their growth. It didn't work. The city just jumped across. So, for example, Oxford has become the new Hampstead. Its intelligentsia take the train to Paddington, in the way that classic Hampsteadites used to

catch the Northern Line. Planners sometimes seem like Canute's courtiers. The flow of populations is hard to hold back. And the forecasts are so often wrong. Thus, the white-elephant Humber bridge was intended to link the two halves of a projected new city. "Humberopolis". This was going to mop up the babyboom population growth of the 1960s. Came the Pill; the birth trend

dipped. No such city was needed. Today, the British population is barely replacing itself. Divorce breaks up families. Working women put off having children. Without immigration and the high birthrate of migrant families, the population would be falling.

But we can't all lie back and relax. As people get richer (as, on the whole, they do), they want bigger houses and out of town, rather than in. There are also more people on their own. Some are elderly; some are getting away from their parents; some of them are between marriages or partnerships.

If you project these trends forward (despite the warning of Humberopolis), you will end up with half of southern England covered with brick. The Department of the Environment last year claimed that England would have to build 4.4 million extra homes over the next 25 years, provoking the panic headline that we would need "27 new Milton Keyneses".

A pokerwork motto should be nailed up in every planning office: "Present Trends May Not Continue". There is an analogy

with cinema-going. Up to the mid-1980s, ticket sales in Britain were dropping like a stone. multiplex was invented. Cinema attendances may never get back to the multi-millions of their heyday but they are currently rising very nicely.

So what is to be done about house-building? Some things simply have to be accepted. The English countryside is more and more of an artefact. Hardly anyone in it has any real rural function. If people prefer this to city life, we cannot easily stop them. Attempts to push the population back towards the cities can be as damaging as the alternatives. In the recent campaign to turn the tide, many houses have been built on green spaces within cities - such as laying fields. No wonder we do so

badly in the Olympics. But Ebenezer Howard was a wise old bird. Even though circumstances have changed, his solution is flexible enough to revive. The New Towns may be derided by metropolitan critics, but the best of them provide thousands of modest. pleasant homes. We don't need 27 new cities, but some well-sited new towns - new Banburys for the 21st century - would ease the present pressures. Which party will have the creative radicalism to put this into its manifesto?

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# Pleasure is the only point

**Simon Barnes** 

pleads for a sense of proportion in the great Olympic

post mortem

he great summer of sport began with the "feel-good" factor. Now the nation moves to the season's closing ceremony in the grip of the "feel-bad" factor. This has been the worst Olympic Games for Great Britain since 1952, when the country won a single gold for show-jumping: conclusive proof that Britain is an old bitch gone in the teeth, a botched civilisation. Odd to think that just a few weeks ago,

Britain was the greatest country on earth, a plucky little nation of great traditions dishing it out left and right to Johnny Foreigner. It began with the European football

championships, with England reaching the semi-finals where they played well before being beaten on penalties. It continued with, of all things. Wimbledon, where for once we had a fortnight free of losing-Brit jokes. Tim Henman, a gangling schoolboy with the eyes of an assassin, reached the quarter-finals and had the country in the grip of Henmania.

Then to the Olympic Games. In each of the

previous four Olympics — Moscow, Los gold medals. It seemed fair to expect such a haul this time. But as I write these words, on a humid and overcast Atlanta morning, Britain has but a single gold: contributed by a pair of giants by the name of Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, who are rather good at rowing.

Only one! And the national weathercock, hit once again by the hurricanoes of sport, whirls helplessly round to point the opposite way, to gloom, misery and despair.

This is silly. It is also the life-blood of sport. Sport is heaven and hell: least and famine. Sport is not good in grey areas, but then it doesn't have very many. That is what the not terribly subtle - pleasures of sport are all

Sport is also about minute measurements. You need a micrometer to measure the gap between glory and anguish. Last Saturday, Britain's Olympic expectations were at their highest. Consider these measurements, and, if you must, what they show about the nature of British civilisation: 14 thousandths of a second, a quarter of an inch, and six inches. The first is the amount of time by which Linford Christie quite literally jumped the gun in the final of the 100 metres. This inifinitesimal error — an error of boldness gave him his second false start, and disqualification. This set the tone for national depression.

The quarter of an inch was the distance by which Jonathan Edwards, the triple-jumper, stepped beyond the board in his penultimate leap. It was a bit of a quantum leap. too: it looked good enough to win. But being a foul. it was not measured, and the gold was gone. Edwards is a quirky fellow, as well as a stand-up-and-be-counted Christian. Some



The face of British sport: Linford Christie bows out of the 100 metres in Atlanta

like to say that his performance depends on which chapter of Leviticus he has read that morning; but last Saturday, it all came down

to Numbers. Or vulgar fractions, anyway. The cruellest fraction of all was the half-afoot that separated Lynn Simpson from a gold medal in the white-water cance slalom that same day. Simpson is one of those athletes we celebrate once every four years. when they emerge from their caves of obscurity and come blinking into the Olympic daylight.

Simpson is very tough, very Yorkshire, a world champion, and her father made her first canoe at night school. She is, in short, an archetype of British life. And fast: she beat the field home in the Olympic competition by eight seconds, or by a country kilometre.

But the judges said she missed gate II by a whisker, and that decision sent her back from first place to 21st. "I turned six inches too early," she said afterwards. These are judgments and measurements about the thickness of a fag-paper, and from such timings and decisions come the heaven and hell of sport.

These are the facts behind the results. Do these vulgar fractions say anything relevant beyond sport? Is this bad luck, the rub of the green, individual failure? Is the country forever a fag-paper away from greatness? And does it. for that matter, matter?

The rulers of this country have traditionally had an equivocal attitude to sport: happy to be associated with success, quick to remove themselves from failure. Anything like State interference - or for that matter, coherent policy - has been frowned on. Sport is not really our business: that is the message. Sport is undignified.

Many other countries have considered sport of colossal national importance: emphatically the business of government. The Soviet sporting machine was the most considerable example, the East German, the most ruthless.

China still operates a State-financed system of elitism. This reached its peak at the world swimming championships in 1994. when 12 of 16 women's titles were won by the Chinese. Chinese swimmers have also had 19 positive drugs tests since 1991. What does a nation get from such triumphs, such disasters? Hard to quantify: but one thing is clear.

To China, sport matters. And it matters to Britain, or at least, to the British. At such times of sporting failure, it is time, not to bewail Britain's slump on the international machismo stock exchange, but to work out what we actually want from sport and its practitioners. Mere success? Perfect

elitism? Bear in mind the fact that bunging money at a sport does not bring instant success. The Wimbledon tennis tournament makes a fortune, which all goes to the development of the British game. Tennis gets more than three times as much money as the rest of all the governing bodies of sport put together receive from the Sports Council, and there are more than 100 of them. Henman apart. tennis has for years been a disaster area.

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t is not true that the official coddling of athletes is an aspect of totalitarian government. The United States has the college system. Certainly, this is open to abuses and corruption. It is in many cases, quite ruthless. It is also a system that allows many elite athletes to reach their potential. In the United States, sport is a serious matter.

The British system, if it can be dignifed by such a name, is better at depth than elitism. British track and field performers are really teams do well in the European Cup: they are much less of a factor at the Olympic Games. In judo, the team spirit is wonderful, and few countries have so many good performers of both sexes at so many weights. But only one British fighter got near a medal: Nicola Fairbrother was beaten in the bronze medal

The question never asked is what we - as a nation, as individuals - actually want from all this sport. John Major, who rightly finds sports and athletes more amusing and edifying than politics and politicians, has the key within his grasp, but even he lacks the simplicity of mind to turn it in the lock.

And the answer is pleasure. Pleasure for those who do it, and for those who watch it. It really is as simple as that. And national pleasure, even about trivial stuff like sport, is not entirely a trivial matter. It is worth taking some thought for. And getting it right.

It is true that this has been, by a series of fractions and disasters and injuries, a poor Olympic Games for this country. It is also true that these things are cyclical, and that champions will come again. Breast-beating about the national character, and whether not "we" have lost the will to win, are rather beside the point.

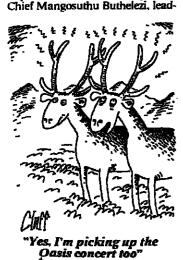
The perceived disaster provides an opportunity for each sport to reassess its methods: for those in power to contemplate a considerable national pleasure: for us all to think for a moment about the meaning of sport. For there are two serious errors one can make about sport. One is to think that it is important: the other is to think that it is unimportant.

Simon Jenkins is away.

# Africa hand

ZULUS are soon to have a touch of Berkeley Square in their midst as John Aspinall, zoo keeper, lionhugger and gambler prepares to open a casino in KwaZulu/Natal. The local gaming board still has to approve the project, but the venture is a natural extension of

Aspinall's close friendship with

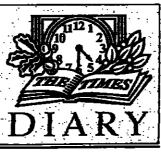


er of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Aspinall is a keen admirer and financial supporter of the Zulus and believes Nelson Mandela's ANC to be a grave threat to the tribe's noble culture and traditions. Chief Buthelezi even took time off in the middle of the recent municipal elections in KwaZulu/Natal to attend Aspinall's flashy 70th birthday party in London...

This latest venture is not Aspinall's first sally into the ex-panding South African market. Last year, backed by his gambling buddies Sir James Goldsmith and Kerry Packer, he bid to develop an area around Durban.

Even if the project does come to nothing, which is highly unlikely, Aspinall need hardly be concerned. He can always retire to the Citizen Kane splendour of his estate near Cape Town, where springboks stroll by as lunch is taken in the cool shadow of Table Mountain.

 Missing in transit: a vast container of books belonging to the Museum of London. Curators expecting the shipment from Chicago found themselves unpacking in-



stead a consignment of transmit-ters addressed to the Royal Saudi Air Force. Pilots in Riyadh are no doubt struggling to make sense of a job lot of history books and photographs picked up by the museum at the Chicago book fair.

That's my boy

CHARLIE Kray, who has been charged with plotting to peddle £78 million-worth of cocaine, is remembered fondly by teachers at Daneford School, Bethnal Green, for the manner in which he brought up his late son Gary. In the 1970s, he used to drive

Gary to the school in a Plymouth

car of the variety favoured by gang-sters. "Gary was a fastidious pupil,

immaculately turned out, exempla-

tation."

shovers' inexorable rise. Great players of the past include the cricketer Fred Trucman and Sid Waddell, the voice of darts, who used to play regularly at the Dun Cow in Durham against a sausage maker called Revell the Devil. He is perhaps the sports's only poet, writing in his important work Indoor League: "Shove ha'penny demands more concentration than darts, but the touch must be as light

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SECOND in our series of sports which, if included in the Olympics, would offer British medal chances: shove ha'penny. A pub game, invented in the 16th century, it is reat the Royal Albert Hall. ferred to in Shakespeare as "shove grout". Particularly popular in the North, its influence has spread

In Ugglebarnby, home of world championship quoits, they growl with low-browed resentment at the

Treble chance

#### A FAMILY connection with the

Proms spanning almost half a century was re-established last night as Patrick Groves, ten, sung lustily with the Winchester Cathedral Choir (where I. too, was a chorister) Patrick's first passion is football

but he is also grandson of the late and lamented Proms conductor Sir



High note: Patrick

Charles Groves, a Falstaffian fig-ure, who raised his baton at the Albert for four decades from the early 1950s.

#### Cash call

THE actor Simon Ward, remembered for his portrayal of Winston Churchill in the film Young Winston, has munificent friends. One of them has just paid off a debt of some £2,000 to Clare Latimer, the former Downing Street caterer, which Ward incurred in June last

The matter has been settled," said Clare stirring furiously in her kitchen yesterday. "I did the cater-ing for his daughter Claudia's wedding last year, and have only just been paid."

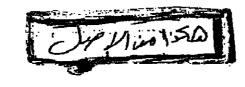
#### **Dirty dancing**

THE NAKED hype of the appalling West End musical Voyeurz may yet be pipped by the Royal Festival Hall, which purports to be putting on an evening of "unparalleled eroncism" by way of a dance show. The musical Billboards combines classical ballet with the music of the artist formerly known as Prince; it features fully-grown men



Caught in a clinch

prancing about their intended ladies in skimpy satin shorts and thigh-length boots. Promoters claim that the show would make even Tom Jones blush. Worse still, the theatre is offering its boxes under the name of "Love Boxes" to amorous couples. "They provide the opportunity for couples to hold hands in private," says a spokeswoman pathetically.



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#### JUSTICE DENIED

Italy, rocked by the Priebke verdict, finds its legal system guilty

An important war crimes trial in Italy, poorly handled from the outset, has culminated in a judgment so grotesque that Italians have once again risen in outrage to question the trustworthiness of their national institutions. The former German SS captain, Erich Priebke, stood accused of participating in Italy's worst single wartime atrocity, the massacre at the Ardeatine caves in March, 1944. At the end of a three-month trial in a military court, the presiding magistrate this week found Priebke guilty of complicity in violence with multiple homicide". He then ordered his release, on the ground that "extenuating circumstances" rendered him not guilty of "cruelty and premeditation", the other part of the charge, and that a 30-year statute of limitations therefore applied to the case. For good measure, he added that the reasons for this extraordinary decision were so complex that the full text of the court's ruling would not even be published for another 90 days.

The notion that "extenuating circumstances" could be applied to this case insults both the victims and the notion of justice. Priebke has never denied participating in the massacre of 335 Italian men and boys, 75 of them Jews, who in March, 1944 were rounded up and shot in reprisal for a partisan attack on German troops. He admits to having shot two in person, and to ticking the names of the victims off a list as they were herded five at a time into the caves.

His defence that he had no choice but to obey orders was ultimately rejected, as it was in the Nuremberg trials. The Wehrmacht's penal code gave soldiers the right to refuse to execute hostages, a right respected by the Nazis more often than not. In this particular case, the German military unit in Rome that the partisans had attacked refused to carry out the reprisal massacre; it was not punished. His second defence, that the massacre was a "legitimate" reprisal and not a crime, revealed him as a man untouched by remorse. Yet by two to one, the magistrates appear to have concluded that his "postwar good conduct" as an escaped prisoner of war prospering in Argentina, the in Rome failed this week to confront.

"minor" nature of his participation in the crime and his advanced age combined to outweigh the horror of the crime itself.

This judicial farce could have been avoided. The first critical decision was to try Priebke, as a former soldier, in a military court accustomed to dealing with petty offences in the armed forces, rather than a civilian court. Italy is one of only seven countries to use military courts in peacetime; it should end the practice forthwith. The second was to charge him with multiple homicide instead of crimes against humanity, to which no statute of limitations applies. More questions arose as the trial proceeded.

Agostino Quistelli, the presiding judge, seems to have had little sense of the historical importance of this case or zeal to ensure that justice was seen to be done. He refused to hear testimony from scores of potential witnesses and before the trial started, told two court officials that Priebke was just obeying orders and ought to be cleared; yet two applications to an appeal court to disqualify him for bias and order a new trial were rejected. When the victims' families erupted in grief and rage at the verdict, Judge Quistelli found their protests "exaggerated". He had found him guilty, he commented; "what do they want, his head?"

Italy has reacted with shame and disbelief, in an outpouring unequalled since the murder of Giovanni Falcone, the heroic Sicilian magistrate whose assassination in 1992 turned the nation decisively against the Mafia. The prosecution will appeal; and the Government, deeply embarrassed, re-arrested Priebke after eight hours of mayhem around the courtroom. He is now held in Regina Coeli prison, from which some of the Ardeatine victims were plucked, pending a German request for extradition. Argentina, which would have to agree, has already banned his return to his place of exile and may co-operate. But the legal tangle is now so complex that he could yet walk free. If he does, Italy will relive the horror of its poisoned historical alliance with Nazi evil; this, in a symbolic sense, was what the court

#### **NANNY STATE**

#### Families have suffered from Tory tax reforms

Should families pay the same tax on the same income as people without children? To most governments in most countries the answer has seemed obvious. Bringing up children is a hugely demanding and expensive commitment, and the tax system should recognise that people who take on the responsibility of nurturing the next generation should have their extra financial burdens and their social contributions recognised by remissions of tax. Britain today, by contrast, is one of the few societies in history with a system designed to make no distinction between parents and taxpayers with nobody but themselves to support. Furthermore, the elimination from the tax system of any recognition of the responsibility for rearing children has been largely the work of a Conservative Party whose ethical principles were built on the virtue of family life.

These are among the most disturbing findings of a path-breaking paper, Are Families Affordable?, written by the conservative sociologist Janet Morgan and published this week by the Centre for Policy Studies. The paper's significance lies firstly in its analysis of the large fiscal detriment to families that has resulted from the past 17 years of tax reform. Virtually all single people have seen some reduction in their tax burden under the Tories. But couples with two children earning less than twice national average earnings have seen their tax burdens substantially increase.

For the very poorest families, those eking out an income of half national average wages, the tax burden has jumped fourfold from 2.4 per cent to 10 per cent. For single people on the same income, by contrast, the tax burden has modestly declined. The paper suggests three underlying reasons for this anti-family bias. First, there is the Treasury's belief that taxes should be as "neutral" as possible: if somebody chooses to spend time and money playing golf rather than bringing up children, the State has no business discriminating between these two lifestyles. The second argument is that child benefits have replaced tax allowances and represent a better way for the State to help parents. The third argument is that State support should be targeted to those most in need, particularly to parents who find it hardest to earn a living because of family

responsibilities: in practice, single mothers. Ms Morgan debunks all three fallacies. She offers evidence that public policy is dangerously biased in favour of single parents. even though the great majority of children in poverty still live with two parents. She shows how targeting creates poverty traps and disincentives to work - and how efforts to resolve these problems spawn new benefits, new costs and new disincentives.

But above all she questions the fundamental assumption that welfare benefits are a better way to support child-rearing than tax allowances. Why should the State always pursue social objectives by paying welfare benefits, rather than by remitting taxes? To allow people with family responsibilities to keep more of their own income is far healthier for society than to make them dependent on the State's largesse. That successive Chancellors have forgotten such a fundamental conservative axiom shows how far Britain has slid into a dependency culture even under 17 years of Tory rule.

#### **RULE BRITANNIA**

A new Royal Yacht could be a ship for the nation

As Cowes Week opens today, one distinguished and much-loved old visitor is celebrating what may be her last appearance. Next year the Royal Yacht Britannia will head either for a retirement home or the scrapyard. In a typical display of political indecision, ministers seem unable to decide what to do with her or whether and how to replace her. This vacillation is hard to fathom. The old Britannia should clearly be berthed at Portsmouth or Greenwich, as a tourist attraction and hospitality venue. Either the Government could sell it to a suitable owner and plough the proceeds into a replacement, or the income from the old yacht could help to support the new one.

For it is inconceivable that a replacement should not be built at all. One of the few skills at which this nation excels is the pomp and pageantry that surrounds our Royal Family. Britannia has been a superb diplomat for Britain abroad; foreign statesmen and businessmen love being entertained on the yacht, and as a symbol of Britain's prestige, it can hardly be bettered. Some £500 million worth of exports deals

are clinched every year on its decks. Moreover, there is one proposal for a new Britannia that, in imagination and beauty. could surpass even the old one. The Cadland Consortium, led by Maldwin Drummond, Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron,

has come up with the idea of a soaring, square-rigged sailing-ship. A high-tech fusion of traditional and modern, she would move equally well under sail or engine, the rig being controlled by computers and the hull made of steel. She would serve many purposes, used for State visits, as a training ship for youth, a showcase for British companies and a tourist attraction when at berth. The idea is that she should be not just a Royal Yacht, but truly a ship for the nation. She would be a vessel for the millennium too, ecologically conscious and democratic. Unlike a motor boat, she would soar over any other ship in a foreign harbour.

The clincher is that she does not need to cost a penny of public money. The consortium claims to be able to raise all the necessary money itself (though doubtless a small contribution from the Lottery or from the sale of the old yacht would not go amiss). So efficient is she that her annual running costs would be half that of today's Britannia. She would be manned by 180 "Oueen's Cadets" at a time, 3,500 of them a year from all backgrounds, who would learn teamwork

and independence as well as sailing skills. The new Britannia apparently has the enthusiastic backing of Buckingham Palace. She deserves ministerial support. This Cowes Week would be the perfect time for the Government to give her a fair wind.

#### **ERS TO THE EDITOR**

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#### Difficulties over legalised brothels

From Mr Cedric Hayes, JP.

Sir. Public opinion would surely not countenance legalised brothels freports, July 30; article, July 31). Also my experience in the courts shows that most prostitutes are part-time inde-pendent operators, unlikely to submit to regimentation involving registration and health checks: many would doubtless continue to work outside the system, rendering reforms largely

So-called kerb-crawlers, however, would have no need to approach the women in public places, greatly reducing a public nuisance and also avoiding the possibility of arrest and, for many, disgrace,

Sadly, without the first, the second cannot be effected.

Yours faithfully, CEDRIC HAYES, 14 Thurleigh Road, Didsbury, Manchester.

From Mr James G. Fluss

Sir. The claim by Rachel Campbell-Johnston ("The case for legalising brothels", July 31) that "Prostitution represents the exploitation of the impoverished female by the affluent male" is feminist nonsense. One could just as easily claim that by charging 30p for The Times, News Internation al is a news-rich organisation exploiting the public's lack of news.

The simple truth is that every market transaction involves a buyer and seller. Each of them feels that what they receive is worth at least what they pay to get it. It involves no "exploita-

Yours sincerely. JAMES G. FLUSS, 138a Audley Road, NW4.

From Mr M. J. Price-Alexander

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnston writes that licensed brothels would provide protection for prostitutes; facilitate women's collectives; improve their health and guarantee their financial independence; enlarge the Govern-ment's coffers through tax; make the streets safer for all; free police for other duties; and might lead to a decline in the number of failed marriages, rape cases and sexual abuse of children.

Wonderful. And do you know, some people think I'm naive because, as a Christian, I believe the Bible when it warns against prostitution and other manifest evils.

Yours faithfully, M. J. PRICE-ALEXANDER, 29 College Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth, Devon.

#### **Butler and Suez**

Sir, I have just read ("Career sacrificed by the minister who refused to lie". July 26) a remark by Sir Anthony Nutting that my husband, Rab Butler, was one of four ministers who were "privy to the Suez plot".

From Lady Butler of Saffron Walden

He goes on to describe being himself present at the fateful meeting at Chequers of October 14, 1956, after which, the report continues, "Nutting believed his position was untenable and his resignation followed.

May I point out that my husband

was then in Scotland and proceeded from there to Calder Hall in attendance on the Queen when she opened the atomic power station. He returned to London on October 18 and went straight to No 10 Downing Street. where he received the news of a fait accompli from Sir Anthony Eden.

Whatever his own views on the matter were, his first instinct was to support his Prime Minister, and in this case he did so to his own personal detriment and without any previous consultation.

Yours sincerely.
MOLLIE BUTLER. Spencers, Great Yeldham, Essex.

#### Sauce for goose

From Mr Keith A. Waller

Sir, For Tony Blair to suggest that a Labour government would help our Olympic sportsmen and women (report, August 1, later editions) does, of course, mean supporting selection. competition and elitism. If on the sportsfield, why not in the classroom?

Yours faithfully, KEITH A. WALLER, 11 Eagle Court, Hermon Hill, Wanstead, Ell. August 2

#### £15m Shearer deal

From Mr Jon Scott

Sir. The heads of major industries, responsible for the jobs of thousands of people, are vilified by the public, politicians and the press as "fat cats" because of the salaries they earn, yet much larger earnings are apparently acceptable if one can kick a football (reports, July 30) or sing a song. Have I missed something?

Yours faithfully, JON SCOTT, 72 Chiltern Avenue, Cosby, Leicester.

#### Preserving the birthplaces of science Mystery meaning

From Mr Kevin Brown

Sir, I endorse Hugh Aldersey-Wil-liams's call (Mind and Matter, July 29) to raise the status of faildings as-sociated with great scientists to the level enjoyed by the birthplaces of literary figures. However, even more than with literary figures, it is the working places of these scientists. which are more important than their homes and would further the public understanding of science in its histori-cal and cultural context.

Michael Faraday's laboratory at the Royal Institution in Albemarie Street is more important than his apartments there, though their proximity to each other is significant; and at the Alexander Fleming Laboratory Museum, here at St Mary's, we have a birthplace museum with a difference - the birthplace of penicillin inside a hospital, placing the discovery in its true context.

Yours faithfully, KEVIN BROWN (Curator), Alexander Fleming Laboratory St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, WZ.

July 30.

From Mr David S. Ritchie

Sir, Hugh Aldersey-Williams's statement that there is no home or muse-um devoted to James Clerk Maxwell is incorrect.

In 1992 this foundation purchased Maxwell's birthplace in Edinburgh a fine Georgian house, built for his father in 1820, where James was born in 1831. It remained in the family possession for nearly 70 years.

The house provides a museum in his honour, displaying family por-traits and paintings, first editions of his books and original manuscripts. It also provides the centre for the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences (ICMS), formed by Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt and Stirling universities.

Clerk Maxwell's achievements as a physicist, most notably in the electromagnetic field, rank with those of

Newton and Einstein, modifying the concepts of the former and inspiring

the latter, who wrote that "one scienti-fic epoch ended and another began with Clerk Maxwell". D. S. RITCHIÈ

From Dr G. C. Cook and others

14 India Street, Edinburgh 3.

(Director).

James Clerk Maxwell Foundation,

Sir, Lichfield, famous as being the birthplace of Samuel Johnson, was also the home for some 25 years of Charles Darwin's grandfather, Eras-mus Darwin (1731-1802) — archetypal polymath, physician, philosopher, botanist, inventor, poet and, perhaps most importantly, evolutionist and early exponent of the theories propounded by his grandson.

Erasmus Darwin is commemorated by a plaque in Lichfield Cathedral, but no substantial monument exists. The Dean and Chapter of Lichfield Cathedral, together with the Erasmus Darwin Foundation, have developed plans to restore his Grade I listed home, built in 1758, to provide a museum and associated educational facility. Linked to the house will be a herb garden commemorating Darwin's interest in botany and his authorship of The Botanic Garden.

We now seek corporate funding. Pride in our great scientific heritage could provide the catalyst that moti-vates schoolchildren, in this and future generations, to embark on a scientific career.

Yours faithfully, G. C. COOK (Chairman, Erasmus Darwin Foundation). DESMOND KING-HELE, DAVID WALLINGTON (Chief Executive, Lichfield Cathedral), Lichfield Cathedral, Chapter Office, 19a The Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire. July 30.

#### Badger pests?

From Mr Peter Easton

Sir, Can the urbanisation of the South East have progressed so far fin the minds of its inhabitants if not in the actual fabric of the area) that your correspondent, Peter Gillies (letter, July 29; see also letter, July 22), writing from near Uckfield in Sussex, seriousbelieves that the place he shares in the countryside with the hen and the r has come about as a result of natural order?

Such a notion might just about pass in a Walt Disney cartoon but it is dangerously unhelpful when discussing the future of one of man's finest creations - the English landscape.

His sentiment is unfortunately prevalent among people (but not among any animals of my acquaintance) who show a genuine desire to see natural things — fauna particular-- preserved. But conservation has little hope of success if it is not supported by a thorough understanding of how and for what purpose the countryside has been organised.

#### Stone of Scone From Ms Caroline Bingham

Sir. Mr Peter G. Vasey (letter, July 26; see also letters, July 17, 24) suggests that Berwick-upon-Tweed would make a suitable home for the Stone of Scone, provided that Berwick too were restored to Scotland, since it too was appropriated by Edward I in 1296.

Berwick was recaptured by Robert the Bruce in 1318, and remained a Scottish city until 1482, when it was occupied by English forces under Richard, Duke of Gloucester, the future Richard III.

Does Berwick think itself Scots or English? Perhaps its citizens should be consulted, by plebiscite.

Yours faithfully, CAROLINE BINGHAM. 164 Regent's Park Road, NWI.

#### Car pollution

Sir, There is a need to draw a distinction between "old" and "poorly maintained" when reporting matters associated with vehicle exhaust emissions ("Pollution fears as old cars stay on

road longer", July 29, early editions). It is not the oldest 10 per cent of cars which are at fault — they simply do not get used enough to produce even a fraction of a per cent of overall vehicle pollution. The blame lies with those cars, usually between five and 15 years old. in the hands of people seeking to motor at the least possible cost. Through lack of proper maintenance they run close to (or beyond) the pollution limits set out in the MoT test. These cars may be the 10 per cent which create 50 per cent of the pollution, but they are not the oldest 10 per

er, but poorly maintained, cars.

And lest anyone thinks that by scrapping a ten-year-old car in favour

In the natural order the survival of the badger as a free-living animal would depend upon the tolerance of those who live and work in the countryside; upon a balance between the forgiveness of the arable farmer whose machinery falls into a sett and the wrath of the bereaved hen-keeper.

Yours sincerely, PETER EASTON. 52 Hall Orchard Lane. Frisby on the Wreake,

#### From Mr David Edelsten

Sir, It is not amusing to be lectured on badgers from SW8, nor do I care a pin for the "latest national badger survey". These once welcome neighbours have become a pest round here, as have "conservation officers" et al.

Yours faithfully, DAVID EDELSTEN, The Old Rectory, Glanvilles Wootton, Sherborne, Dorset. July 29.

#### School reports

From Dr V. M. Shorrocks

Sir, The existence and scope of school reports for primary-school children will surely come as a surprise to many grandparents as schools close for the holidavs.

Not only did our six-year-old granddaughter's report merit two pages and cover 11 subjects but it also included incriminating space for self-assess-

Ruth had proudly written: "I enjoyed doing drawings in my topic book and painting my rabbit."
(The rabbit, by the way, is still white

Yours faithfully. VICTOR M. SHORROCKS. 12 Fox Close. Wigginton, Tring, Hertiordshire.

energy is used (and hence pollution

created) in building new cars - equiv-

alent to several years' worth of fuel per

#### of a new one they are contributing to a cleaner environment, it should be recalled that an immense amount of

From Mr P. H. J. Whyman

Cars can only survive for 20 years or more if they are properly cared for. It is quite unfair on the thousands of enthusiasts within this Federation, who are dedicated to preserving old vehicles in the best possible condition, that their reputation should be sullied by the soot from the exhausts of newEton House, Church Lane, Tvdd St Giles. Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. Jüly 30.

P. H. J. WHYMAN (Secretary),

Yours faithfully,

Federation of British

Historic Vehicle Clubs,

From Mr Jan Brammer

Sir. Your report on car pollution claims that sales of cars nine years old or more have grown by 146 per cent in four years. Are secret stockpiles of Allegros. Cortinas and Marinas being unloaded at last? Surely the figures simply mean that the inevitably dim-inishing fleet of old cars is changing hands more frequently.

Yours faithfully, IAN BRAMMER, Cesterbridge House, Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire. August 1.

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From Professor Emeritus Raymond Hide, FRS

Sir, Idiomatic expressions that involve the number "thirty-one" — not all of them polite — are used in Romance, Middle Eastern and other languages. In French, for example, être sur son trente-et-un means "to be dressed in one's best clothes", "attired in one's Sunday best", "dressed up to the

nines' In Italian e questo fa trentuno ("and that makes thirty-one") means "the calculation is correct, "everything checks out".

A strong expletive (usually telling someone to "go away") heard in parts of the Arabic-speaking world is trianda-ena, the Greek term for thirty-

The purpose of this letter is to seek help through your columns from readers who can provide examples of idiomatic expressions involving the number thirty-one, together with information or speculations bearing on their likely origin.

Yours sincerely, RAYMOND HIDE, Jesus College, Oxford. August 2

#### Jaws in the Med

From Miss Sophie Schreiber

Sir, The great white shark is indeed a predator, but on what basis does Mr Christopher Price (letter, July 30) presume to advocate the extermination of a species whose presence inconveniences his desire to enter its territory? The same argument could be used to advocate the end of the tiger, or indeed of

the crocodile. Perhaps Mr Price should stick to a swimming pool, from which he can safely exercise his undoubted right to exclude the great white shark.

Yours faithfully, SOPHIE SCHREIBER. Marlesford Hall. Woodbridge, Suffolk. July 30.

From Mr Tim Carbury

Sir, I was sad to read Mr Christopher Price's suggestion that the great white shark should be exterminated, simply to make it slightly safer for him to dabble in its habitat.

He would be better advised, in my opinion, to campaign against the huge amount of toxic waste, including untreated sewage, which is dumped daily in the world's oceans and which will eventually exterminate the great white shark and Mr Price if he continues to bathe in the Mediterranean.

Yours faithfully, T. C. CARBURY. II Collier Close, Cove, Hampshire. July 30.

#### Trade descriptions

From Mr John J. Carney

Sir, If we have "coal face" junior doctors (letters, July 22, 26), then surely surgeons must be at the cutting edge. Yours faithfully.

62 Fitzroy Road, Tankerton, Kent.

JOHN J. CARNEY.

From Mr David J. Prescott Sir, As a musician my views will often be in harmony but sometimes will lead to discord.

Yours faithfully, DAVID J. PRÉSCOTT (Director of Music, Lancaster Royal Grammar School). 32 Greenwood Avenue, Bolton-le-Sands. Camforth, Lancashire.

From Mr Glynn Downton

July 26.

Sir. An astronomer is far-sighted, a jeweller's view crystal clear, a doorman's open-ended, and a meteorologist is often long-winded.

Yours sincerely, GLYNN DOWNTON, 66 Park Avenue, Maidstone, Kent. July 26.

From Mr and Mrs J. A. Clemence Sir. As restaurant owners our views

are handed out on a plate. Yours faithfully, JOHN CLEMENCE, ANN CLEMENCE, Capstone Restaurant & Hotel, St James' Place, Ilfracombe, Devon.

From Mr Jason Barbour

July 26.

Sir. With the advancing years robbing me of more and more of my hair. 1 suppose that my views come increasingly off the top of my head.

Yours faithfully, JASON BARBOUR, 19 Cortayne Road, SW6.

From Mr J. Gwyn Kennedy

Sir, Undoubtedly, the views of geologists are firmly based on solid bedrock principles, while those of palacontologists result from leaving no stone unturned.

Yours faithfully. J. GWYN KENNEDY, 74 Hampton Park Road, Hereford,



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

CLARENCE HOUSE August 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Concert at St Peter's Church, Wolferton, Norfolk, given by the English Chamber Orchestra in aid of Music in Country

Churches. The Lady Grimthorpe and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** August 2: The Queen today visited the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment Summer Camp at Thetford, Norfolk, and was received by General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Colonel, The Blues and Royals. Gold Stick in Waiting). Major General the Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards), Colonel Peter Rogers (Lieutenant Colonel Commanding Household Cavalry) and Lieutenant Colonel Toby Browne (Commanding Officer).

Her Majesty visited the stables and forge and afterwards met Warrant Officers

Officers in their Mess. Later The Queen lunched in the Officers' Mess. This afternoon Her Majesty

watched various aspects of training and equestrian activities. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

August 2: The Duke of York, Patron, the Royal Marines Atlantic 3000 Rowing Race Team, this afternoon met members of the team at Royal Marines Poole, Dorset. ST JAMES'S PALACE

August 2: The Prince of Wales, President, this morning visited a construction project undertaken by foundation course students of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture at Ewhurst, Surrey.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. Singleton, Chichester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major-General Sir Philip Ward). The Prince of Wales after-

wards opened the new Visitors' centre at West Dean gardens and visited West Dean College, Chichester.

#### **Premium Bonds**

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:

E100,000: 19VN 111264, winner has a holding of E1,077 and comes from Merseyside: 4SN 174560, E1,327, Hertfordshire: 52GK 206150, E17,450,

E50,000: 251-IZ 527776, E8,000, Devon: 12BK 200425, E1,125, Surrey; 15VN 278425, £400, Merseyside; 29QS 886287, £20,000, Kent; 36CF 20490, £8,000. Berkshire; 31DS 485050, £10,000, Herefordshire; 9HS 394035, £4,500, Barnet, London; 2IWF 781371, \$230, Wangidebi £25,000: 31NK 160924. £19,510,

Leicestershire: IIGS 412037, £19,997, Cheshire: 28NK 585715, £10,000, West Sussen: 19SL 951083, 19,002, Kent; 49RP 808384, £1,500, East Sussex 27DT 405479, £8,500, Dorset; 181F 47198, E20,000, Kensington and Chelsea, London; I2SN 567253, E3,227, Mid Glamorgan; I9ST 518123, E5,170, Greater Manchester; 43AZ 947425, E13,013, Berkshire, 35MB 696132, £20.000, Greenwich, London 20FF 704174, £2,500, Devon; 8ML 086603, £10,237, Waltham Forest,

#### Christening

The infant son of Bill and Lindy Barnes was christened Timothy William Ian by the Rev Alan Dibden at St Nicolas's, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, on Sunday, July 28, 1996. The godparents are: John and Edwina Bone, Richard and Joan Brightwell and Philip and Martine Chandler.

#### **Appointments**

Sir Mark Waller and Sir John Mummery, Justices of Her Maj-esty's High Court of Justice, to be Lords Justices of Appeal in succession to Sir Brian Neill and Sir Patrick Russell who will be retiring at the end of Scotember.

Field Marshal Sir Peter Anthony Inge has been appointed Constable of the Tower of London in succession to Field Marshal Sir John Wilfred Stanier who has retired. Mr Ian Grant has been appointed a Crown Estate Commissioner in succession to the late Angus Mac-

#### Weekend birthdays

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her 96th birthday tomorrow.

TODAY Air Marshai Sir Peter Bairsto, 70: Mr Tony Bennett, singer, 70; Mr Steven Berkoff, actor, director and writer, 59; Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell, former Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Guernsey, 68; Sir Paul Bryan, former MP. 83; Mrs Elizabeth Chilver, former Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 82; Mr Peter Easterby, racehorse trainer, 67: Mr Josh Gifford, racehorse trainer, 56: Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC, chairman, Financial Reporting Review Panel. 51; Mr Nick Harvey, MP. 35; Baroness James of Holland Park, 76: Professor Anthony Jones, former Rector, Royal College of Art. 52: Mr William Powell, MP, 48; Sir David A. Scott, diplomat, 77: Mr Martin Sheen, actor, 50: Miss Sue Slipman, former director. National Council for One Parent Families. 47: Mr Michael Stern. MP. 54: Mr Jack Straw, MP. 50: Sir Jock Taylor, diplomat, 72: Sir George Waller, former Lord Jus-tice of Appeal, 85; the Right Rev of Chichester, 91: Mr Terry

Wogan, broadcaster, 58. TOMORROW

Mr James Arbuthnot, MP. 44: Mr David Bedford, composer, 59: Mr William Cooper, novelist, 86; Dr Jack Cunningham, MP, 57; Sir gynaecologist, 76; Professor H.L. Freeman, psychiatrist, 67: Mr E.P. Gallagher, chief executive, Environment Agency, 52; Sir George Godber, former chairman, Health Education Council, 88; Professor P.N. Goudfellow, geneticist, 45; Miss Georgina Hale, actress, 53; Mr Donald L. Haxby. former president, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, b8: Professor Sir David Hull, Professor of Child Health 64: Mr Martin Jarvis. actor, 55; Mrs Rachel Jones, former chairman. Broadcasting Council for Wales. 88: Mr David Lange, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 54; Professor Howard Morris, biological chemist, 50; Mr Ian Newton, former Head, Bedales School, 50: Mr Simon Preston, organist, 58: Mr John Spalding, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 72: Mr Peter Squires, rugby player, 45; Mr Bowen Wells, MP, 61; Sir Michael Weston, diplomat. 59.



Stephen Martin. The Times's Saturday sports portrait artist, wears a fitting hat as he works on a huge painting on an advertising hoarding 40ft above the Cromwell Road in west London. Great Western Trains has commissioned him to paint his own idea of a fantasy train carriage to start an advertising campaign. Mr Martin estimates that to complete the 400 sq ft painting will take a week, 10 gallons of rainproof paint and at least 10 brushes

#### **Anniversaries**

TODAY BIRTHS: Charles Stanhope, 3rd Earl Stanhope, politician and man of science, London, 1753; Sir Joseph Paxton, gardener and designer of the Crystal Palace, Milton Bryant, Bedfordshire, 1801; Elisha Otis. pioneer of the safety lift. Halifax. Vermont, 1811; Stanley Baldwin. 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Prime Minister 1923, 1924-29 and 1935-37. Lower Park, Bewdley. Worcestershire, 1867: Rupert Brooke, poet, Rugby, 1887; Cardi-nal Stefan Wyszynski, Primate of Poland 1949-81, Zuzela, near War-

DEATHS: King James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, killed, Rox-burgh Castle, 1460; Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, London,

1721; Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor, Cromford, Derbyshire. 1792: Sir Roger Casement, Irish nationalist, executed for high treason, London, 1916: Joseph Conrad, novelist, Canterbury, 1924: Albert Frederick Pollard, historian, Milford-on-Sea, 1948: Colette, writer, Paris, 1954: Archbishop Makarios III. Primate of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus and President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicosia. Germany declared war on France,

At the Battle of Cannae, the Roman army supply depot was seized by a smaller army led by Hannibal. 216

La Scala opera house in Milan opened, 1778.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: John Tradescant, gardener. Meopham, Kent. 1608; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Dumfries, 1792; Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex. 1792; Walter Pater, critic, Shadwell, London, 1839; W.H. Hudson, writer and naturalist, near Buenos Aires, 1841: Knut Hamsun, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Lam, Norway, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder, music hall entertainer, Edinburgh, 1870; Sir Osbert Lancaster, writer, London,

DEATHS: Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, killed at the Battle of Evesham, 1265; William Cecil, ist Baron Burghiey, states-

man, London, 1598; John Bacon sculptor, London, 1799; William Aytoun, poet, Elgin, 1865; Hans Christian Andersen, story-teller, Copenhagen, 1875; Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist and physicist. Treibach. Austria, 1929; Rodney (Gypsy) Smith, evangelist, on board the Queen Mary en route for Florida, 1947: Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, news-

paper proprietor. 1976. The Red Cross Society was founded in Britain, Britain declared war on Germany,

Britain's first supersonic fighter plane, the PI English Electric Lightning, made its maiden flight from Boscombe Down, 1954.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Señor J. Cano

and Miss L. Grant The engagement is announced between Jesus, son of Señor and Señora Cano, of Madrid, Spain, and Lisa daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Grant, of Plaistow, West Sussex.

Mr J.A. Cochrane

and Miss S.A. Gordon The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr Hugh Cochrane and of Mrs Jenny Cochrane, of Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway, and Sarah, daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel Lord Douglas Gordon and of Lady Douglas Gordon, of Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Mr J.G. Henry
and Miss L.J. Boston
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan George, son of Dr and Mrs George Henry, of Nenagh, Co Tipperary, Ireland. and Lucy Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon K.C. Boston, recently of Japan and Bahrain.

Mr T. Howe and Miss G.C. O'Farrell The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs R. Howe, of Haworth, West Yorkshire, and Gina Claire, daughter of Mr Brian O'Farrell, of

Hampton Wick, Surrey, and Mrs Lynne O'Farrell, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Mr S.A. Way and Miss J.M. Wilkinson

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Way, of Vermont, Victoria, Australia, and Jessica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alec Wilkinson, formerly of Brisbane, Australia, and Okehampton, Devon.

Service dinner

Essex Army Cadet Force Lord Brzybrooke, Lord-Lieutenant

Mr A.D. Harley and Miss S.A. Harwood-Smith and MBS S.A. Har wood-same The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Harley, of Duncon, Argyll, and Sophie, youn-ger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Smith, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Smith, of Asot, Berksture.

Mr A.D. Hicks
and Miss C.M. Taylor
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs Clive Hicks, of Ealing,
and Catherine Mary (Katiel, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim
Taylor, of Goudhurst, Kent.
Mr N.W. Steer.

Mr N.W. Steer and Miss R.A. Rogers The engagement is announced between Norman son of the late Mr and Mrs W. Steer, of Guildford, and Rosemary, daughter of the late Dr Arthur Rogers and of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of Mrs. December 2000 per sent of the late of the and of Mrs Doreen Rogers, of Richmond, North Yorkshire.

#### Marriage

Mr C.E. McGrigor and Miss M.S. Merryweather The marriage took place on July 20, at the Westminster Presby-terian Church of Akron, Ohio, of Mr Charles Edward McGrigor, younger son of Sir Charles and Lady McGrigor. of Upper Sonachan, Argyll. and Miss Me-lissa Susan Merryweather, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas

Drive, Akron. Ohio.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Merryweather, was maid of honour. Mr Charles Ward-Jackson was best man. The reception was held at the Portage Country Club, Akron.

of Essex, Colonel R.P. Laurie, Honorary Colonel of the Essex Army Cadet Force, and Colonel K.R. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the East Anglian TA&VR County Association Committee, were the principal guests at a dinner of the cadet force held last night at

Wretham Training Camp, Thet-ford, Norfolk, Lieutenant-Colonel A.T. Branigan presided. Colonel C.A.F. Thomas, cadet commandant, and the officers were

During the evening the Lord-Lieutenant presented a Royal Signuls statuette to Lieutenant-Colonel Branigan from the officers to mark his pending retirement from the force after 27 years of

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#### Church services tomorrow 8, 10, 6 L Mass; 11,30 Solemn Mass, Fr G

NIMIN Sunday after Trinity
ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 S
Euch, Merbecke, The Provost: 6.30 EP.
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP: 9.15
HC: 11 Euch, Murray, Love bade me
welcome (Vaughan Williams), Rev D Lee; 4
Choral E. Come my way (Vaughan
Williams). Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Williams).

BIACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15

Choral M; 10.30 Euch; 4 Choral E.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 1 M. Te Deum
John Ireland in P. Benedictus (Stanford
in B flat). Almighty and everlasting God
(Glibtons).

RISTOL CATHEDRAL College Green: 7.40 MP: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Canon A Redfern; 3.30 Choral E. Wood in D. Greater love hath no man (ireland), Canon P Johnson. CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Mass in G minor (Yaughan Williams), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), Rev M Chandler: I Queen's Regimental Association, Rev J G M W Murphy; 3.15 E. The Gloucester Service Murphy: 3.15 E. The Gloucester Service (Howells), The radiant light of thy Father's glory (Vann). The Rr Rev Reid: 6.30 Compiline, The Precentor.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8 HC. The Provost: 9.30 Euch, Canon B Thompson: 11.15 Euch, Merbecke, Rev J Jones: 6 E. Chants, Rev J Jones.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL 7.45 L; 8 HC with Holy Baptism, Canon J Newcome; 11.30 Chorai M, Te Deum & Jubilate, Canon M Rees: 3.30 EP: 6.30 Evening, Canon P Hunt

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Short Service (Gibbons). Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), King of Glory (Davies). The Priest Vicar: 11 S Euch, Darke in F. Never weather-beaten sail (Parry). The Chancellor: 3.30 E. Walmisley in D minor. Thou O God an praised in Sion (Boyle). CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. Oxford: 8 HC: 10 M & Sermon. Canon Gordon: 11.15 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Aveverum (Mozarl, Canon Peirce: 6 E. Kelly in C., Come out Lazar (Spicer). DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. The Precentor: 10 M. Collegium Regale (Howells). Call to remembrance (Farrant). Canon R Coppin; 11.15 HC. Missa Brevis (Britten). Draw us in the Spirit's tether (Friedell). Canon D Hodgson: 3.30 E. Dyson in D. Lord thou hast been our refuge (Yaughan Williams). refuge (Youghan Williams).

EXTIER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Missa Eliensis Wills), O sacrum convivium (Messlaen), The Treasurer 11.15 M. Collegium Regale (Howells), Let all the world (Leighton). The Precentor: 3 E. Collegium Regale (Wood), Blessed city (Bairstow: 6.30 Evening. Chants 101 & 99, O for a closer walk (Stanford), The Priest Vicar.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8, 12.15 HC: 10.15 Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon N Heavisides; 3 E. Sowerby in D. Most glorious Lord of life (Near).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon Dr M Palmer: 9.45 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozari). O salutaris hostia (Rossini), Canon Dr M Palmer: 11.15 M. Te Deum in G (Sumston), Let all the world (Yaughan Williams), Rev J G Clark; 6.30 E. Latin Fauxbourdons (Tallis). O nata lux (Tallis). Canon D Bryant.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M; LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Missa Octavi Tone (Asola), Ave verum corpus (Penalosa), The Precentor; 4 Choral E. Sumsion in G, O vos omnes (Victoria).

vos omnes (Victoria).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S

Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina),

Jubilate in C (Britten), Drop drop slow
tears (Leighton). The Precentor; 3.30 E,

The Gloucester Service (Howells), Lo the
full final sacrifice (Finzi). LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L. 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Mass in C, Ave verum (Byrd), The Precentor: 1).15 M, Collegium Regale (Howells). Almighty God which hast me bought (Ford). Rev Dr M Semple: 3.45 E, Brewer in D, Blessed city heavenly Salem (Bairstow)."

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Euch, Canon M Wolfe: 3 Choral E. Canon D Hutton; 4 HC. Canon D Hutton; 4 HC.

LIANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M &
Litany: 8. 12.15 Holy Euch, Rev N Court: 9
Parish Euch, Rev N Court: 11 S Euch,
Noble in B Minor. 1 am the living bread
[Harwood), Rev Boon-Hor Khoo; 3.30
Choral E. Bairstow in D. Hear O thou
Shepherd of Israet (Mathias); 6.30 Parish
E & Sermon, The Dean.

B & Serrion, The Dean MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9, 10.30 HC, Canon A Radcliffie; 6.30 EP. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, Canon P Strange; 9.30 S Euch, Woodlands (Gloria), Addington Service (Shephard), Canon S Makatima: 6 Choral E. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8, 10.30 Holy Euch: 6.30 E. Euch: 6.30 E.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8, 9, 15

HC; 10.30 S Euch, St Nicolas Mass
(Haydri). The Dean; 3.30 E. Wood in F.,
How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms):
6.30 Evening. The Dean. p.30 Evening. The Dean.
PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M
& Libany: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Euch, Darke in E.
Sicut Cervus (Palestrina), The Dean: 3.30
E. Stanford in A. Thou O God are praised
in Sion (Boyle).

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RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch. Rev D

Murfet: 9.30 Parish Euch sung to Byrd for

Four Voices. When Jesus sai at meat

(Nicholson), The Dean: 11.30 M. Te Deum

(Boyce in C). The heavens are telling

(Haydn): 12.30 Euch, Rev H Pickles: 6.30

E. Stanford in A. Beati quorum via (Stanford), Rev P Driver.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M. Te Deum & Jubilate (Stanford in B flat). Open thy gates (Harrison): 10.30 S Euch. Tantum ergo (Durufle), The Ven N Warren; 3.15 E. O sing joyfully (Batten). Wood in E flat No 1. Sing we merrily unto God our strength (Campbell).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon P Roberts: 10 Euch. Missa Brevis SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 3 HC, Canon P
Roberts: 10 Euch, Missa Brevis
(Palestrina), Ubi caritas, Canon J Osborne;
11:30 M, Te Deum (Colleglum Regale)
(Howells), Beatl quorum via (Stanford); 3
E. And I saw a new heaven (Bainton).
SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP;
10:30 S Euch, Mrs J Zunde; 6:30 E &
Sermon, Ven S Lowe.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, Rev
R Royle: 11 Choral Euch, Collegium
Regale (Howells), Like as the hart
(Howells), God be in my head (Rutter), Rev
D Painter; 3 Choral E, Collegium Regale
(Howells), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Rev
D Painter; 6:30 Book of Common Prayer
(16:62) Choral Euch, Collegium Regale

(1662) Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), My beloved spake (Hadley), God be in my head (Rutter), Rev R Royle. God be in my head (Rutter), Rev R Roylé.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9 M; 10 S
Euch, Ireland in C. Beati quorum via
(Stanford), Rev M Oxbrow; 6 E, Murrill in
E. I was glad (Parry), Canon R Gilbert.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M.
Collegium Regale (Howells), A prayer of
King Henry VI (Ley), Rev J Goodall: 11.15
Euch. Draw us in the Spirit's tether
(Friedell), Canon A Harvey: 3 E, Short
Service (Tallis), Exsultate Deo (Scarlatti),
Canon D Hutt: 5.45 Organ Recital: 6.30 E,
Canon A Harvey:
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30

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M. Jubilate (Walton), Sing Joyfully (Byrd),
The Very Rev D Edwards: 11.30 Euch,
Darke in E. Set me as a seal (Walton): 3.30

E. Gloucester Service (Howells), Loquebantur varlis linguis (Tallis), Rev P

Morgan

Morgan.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 9.30 MP: 10
S Euch, Hurford in D. Panis angelicus.
Very Rev R Furneli: 1 1.30. Sumsion in G.
O most merciful (Bullock): 12.50 World
War II Ladies Reunion; + E. Stanford in C.
Let all the world (Yaughan Williams). Rev
C Stanbridge.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd). Locus iste (Bruckner). The Dean; 3.30 Ep. Dean; 3.30 EP.

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30
Cymun Bendigaid, Yr Is-Ganon; 9.30
Parish Euch, The Succentor, 11.15 Choral
M. Dyson in D. Te Deum (Ireland in C),
Ave verum corpus (Elgar); 6 Choral E,
Noble in B milnur. O thou the central orb
(Wood), The Canon.
ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL (Wood), The Canon.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Southwark:

Bradley.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL Edinburgh: 8
Morning HC. Rev D Robertson: 10
Morning HC. The Very Rev J Paterson.
Communion Service (Leighton): 11.30
Morning Blessed be the God and Father
(Wesley). The Very Rev J Paterson: 6 St
Giles at Six. Organ Recital; 8 Evening, Rev
J Williams. J Williams.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC;
8.45 M: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis
(Leighton), 1 love the Lord (Harvey), Rev M
Saward; 3.15 E. Stanford in G. Lord let me
know mine end (Parry), Rev J Paul.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8.5.15
LM: 0.20 MP; 11 HM. Mass for üve volces
(Byrd), The Vicar: 6 E&B, Wood in D, The
Vicar. ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 9 Communion: II Preb R Bewes: 6.30 Rev

Dr J Stott.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1:
11 Mass for five voices (Byrd), Hel mihi
Domine (Donati), Ne trascaris Domine CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parlsh Communion, Rt Rev D Bond: 6 E, Rt Rev D Bond. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, Carzon St. W1: 11.15 Rev D Townsend: 12.20 HC; 6.30 Dr P Green. FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Rev R Thorpe: 11 Family, Rev S Downham: 5.7.30, Rev N Lee.
THE ORATORY. Brompton Road, SW7: 7.
8.9. 10, 11 Mass, Missa brevis (Palestrina).
Fac cum servo ruo (Byrd): 12.30. 4.30. 7
Mass: 3.30 V & B. Caro mea (Guerrero).
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH,
Iverna Gdns. WS: 11 Holy Mass.
Archolshop Y Gizirian.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, Chy Road. EC2: Rev P
Succliffe. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SWI: 11, 6,30, Rev Dr P Graves.

Graves.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran).
Gresham St. EC2: I Choral HC. Rev Dr J
Schneider: 2 Swahlli HC. Rev J Shabaya.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield. EC1: 9 HC; I Choral Euch, Missa
Prudenies virgines (Lobo). Rev S Cutt: 6.30
E. Purcell in G minor, I was glad (Purcell).
Rev A Winter.

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ST BRIDE'S. Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), O salutaris hortia (Elgar), Canon B Christianson: 6,30 Choral E. First Service (Ward), Bring us O Lord God (Harrist, Guild Chaplain W Boulton, ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch.

Communion, Darke in F, Jesu grant me this I pray (Bairstow), Rev P Bishop. ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTIAND, Pont Street, SWI: 11 Rev C MacLeod; 6.30 Rev W Calms. ST ETHELOREDA'S, Ely Place: 9,11 Sung Mass, Missa Brevis (Britten), Ave Maria (Liszt), O Bone Jesu (Deering).

ST JAMES'S, Picradilly: 8,30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev M Robins: 5.45 EP.

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ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family Communion, Fantasis in C minor (Bach), Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP, Rev J Meadway.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 S Euch, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev D Walson; 12.15 HC; 6.30 E, O nata lux (Tallis), Rev D Walson.

watson.
ST MARKS. Regents Park Rd. NWI: 8
HC: 9.45 Family Communion: 11 S Euch,
Merbecke, Rev T Jones. ST MARCHES WESTINISHES, WC2: 8 HC (1662); 9.45 Euch, Rev L Mathebula: 11.30 Visitors. Rev C Herbert; 12.30 HC. Rev W Ratchford; 2.45 Chinases. Rev C Herbert; 5 Choral E: 6.30 Evening, Rev L Mathebula. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH. Kensington W8: 8. 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch. The Vicar: 11.15 Choral M. Rev F Gelli: 6.30 E, Rev M Fuller.

ST MARYS. Bourne Street. SW1: 9. 10. 7 LM: 11 HM, Missa brevis (Caidara), Canon G Reid; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch. Mass setting New English Hymnal. Rev J Ovender: 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE. Marylebone Road. Euch, Canon D Grav.

ST MARYLEBONE. Marylebone Road, WI: 8 HC: II S Euch. Mass (Merbecke). Rev T Clark; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev I Thurston.

I Thurston.
ST PAULS, Wilton Place, SWI: 8,9 HC; IJ
Solemn Euch, Rev C Courlauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8.15 HC;
IO Family Euch; IJ S Euch, Mass for four
voices (Pallis), Jubilate Deu (Purceil). Fr D
Tillver. ST STEPHEN'S, Gioucester Road, SW7: 9 LM: 11 HM. Messe Basse (Faure), O mysterium inelfabile (Lallouette), Ave verum (Faure), Fr R Bushau. CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC (1662).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Audley Street. WI: 8.15 HC: II S Euch. Rev S Hobbs. HODOS.

GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks.
SWI: 11 Choral HC. O almighty God
(Barcrofre). Jackson In G. Lord that
descendest (Gritton). Band of the
Coldstream Guards. Rev J Gough.

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ure he offers you among s people in their heritunce.	to Lucilla (née Thomas- Everard) and Timothy, a son,	O.B.E. peacefully at his home on Rodberough Common.	67, peacefully at home on August 2nd. Beloved	formerly of Kilmersdon, husband of the late Brenda	1st 1996 enddenly at home, beloved husband of Susan.	1st August peacef
phenians 1 : 18 (REB)	Rector Bartholomew Edward, a brother for	Stroud, Glos., on 31st july, aged 87 years (formerly of	busband of the late Myra, father of Michael, Claire and	(née Legge), passed away suddenly but peacefully at	devoted father of Jeremy, Duncan and Charles and	grandmother of fan Charlotte, Emily
	Nathaniel PAUL - On July 30th at The	Edge). Beloved trusband of Sybil, dear father of Nigel,	Jessica. Funeral at Golders Green Cremetorium, East Chapel, Tuesday, August 6th	home on Wednesday 31st July. Funeral service and burial at Kilmersdon Parish	Funeral Service at St Peter's	grandmother of
RTHS	Portland Hospital, to Deborah (néc Hood) and	Graham and Elisabeth and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Edge	at 4.15 pm. Donations to	Church on Friday 9th August at 11.30 am. Family flowers	Wednesday 7th August at	Service on Tuesda
HER - On 28th July 1996, Gillian and Mark, a son,	Andrew.	Parish Church on Thursday August 8th at 11 am.	(Cheques to Grant 558), Royal Free Hospital, Pond	only please - all enquiries to be made to W.F. Dolman &	private cremation. Family	
nedict James, 91bs 602.	PRINGLE - On July 13th 1996,	followed by cremation.	Street, London NW3.	Son, 9 Walcot Terrace, Bath,	desired to Injured lockeys'	

=== BIRTHS Fortland Hospital, to Deborah (née Hood) and Sebastian, a beautiful baby boy, Christian Edward ARCHER - On 28th July 1996, to Gillian and Mark a son, Benedict James, 9lbs don. Benedict James, 9lbs don. Let wonder seem familiar. BARRETY - On July 23rd, to Jame Asscher and Suphon, a stater for Lacy. BYERGE - On July 19th in Truro, to Susie (not Bates) and Dominic, a son, Charles Louis Vincent, a brother for Litty and Nick.

CLEMENSSON - On July 30th, boy, Christian Edward Andrew, Andrew, Princele - On July 11th 1996, to Charlotte and Andrew, a daughter, Anabel Caristian. REDMEAD - To Karen and Alexander on 26th July 1996, in Yorkshire, a handsome son, Arthur Logan William Goune, Caradson of Prof. and Mrs Michael Rodhead and Dr. and Mrs James Heale. SHRGEANT - On 17th July in Norwich, to Brends and Inlian, a son, Edwin James, a brother for Tim.

STRAZDINGS - Denis on July 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Daria and Clospital, to Daria and Clospital, to Daria and Clospital, to Daria and Clospital, to Portland Hospital, to Daria and Clospital, to Piona and John, a daughter, Conglana Margaret, a sister for Alexander Jack.

VOM SEMSON - On July 25th at The Davidson Committee Institute to Kitty and Mack.
CLEMENSON: On july 30th,
to Martin and Linds, a
daughter, Lovies Bella.
DALLEN: On 2nd August at
Markinnd Hospital, NSW, to
Sally (née Edwards) and
Philipp, a daughter, Claire
Louise. Failing, a daugater, Claire Louise.

COCOMMS - On 31st July, to Jame (née Ogdwy) and Alan, a bahy boy, George Benjamin, a brother for Hannah.

HAVERS - On 23rd July, to Sally (née Hooker) and Simon, a son, Noah Simon Enbert.

for Alexander Jack

Von SIMSON - On July 25th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Sarah (née Phillips) and
Piers, a son, Thomas
Maximilian, a half-brother
for Cam. Isabel and James.

WANDERSTON - On 29th July
1996, to Lucy (née
Turabul) and Charlea, a son,
Nicholas James, a brother for
Toby. Robert.
MucEACHARM - On 29th July,
to Katle (née Ashtom) and
Miles, a son, William Hugh
Donaid, a brother for Hattle.
MAXTOM - On July 23rd 1996,
to Peter and Nichola, a
lovely son, Milo Muzray.
AMLLER - On 31st July 1996, to
Sam Jane Indira (née Kotval)
and Peter Oven Michael, a
son, Eden Joshup-Leigh.
MINGAN - On July 13th, 1996 Mingay - On July 13th, 1996 to Kate (née Arabaim) and Ban. a dee Arabaim) and DEATHS

BALEAN - On 31st July, peacefully in hospital following a short illness. Sgn. Ldr. Peter Bradford Balean, aged 75 years, husband of Dorothy and father of Richard Cremation private. A memorial service MOCKNOGE - On 20th July 1996, to Tanya (née Blumenfeld) and Jeffrey, a daughter, Any Beatrix Daisy, MOLAN - On July 19th 1996, to Sally (née Wilson) and Damod, a son, Occar Lames

de RAUCH - Constance Iris reunited with her beloved Michael on July 31st. Funcasi Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, Morfolk on Thursday August 8th at 11.30 am. Esquirles plante to Brechland Funcasi Services. (01953) 881229.

Graham and Elisabeth and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Edge Parish Church on Thursday August 8th at 11 am. followed by cremation. Family flowers only, conntions in Hen may be sent for the Boyal National Institute for the Bind clo Philip Ford & Son, Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Glos.

CMARRIMSTON - On August las 1996, peacefully at her daughter's home, Shirrenden, efter a short, tragic illness, Jacqui, admed wife of the late Greville Charrington M.C. and doarly beloved mother of Nikki and Richard, grandmother of Camilla, Anna, Geoffrey (deed.), Saskia, Georgina, Freddie and Nicholas and beloved sister of Namette, Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Funeral Service at St Margaret's Charch, Horsmonden, Kenr on Wednesday 7th August at 3pm. Family flowers only piesse, but donations may be under to The Friends of the Marden Medical Centre, Marden, Kent TN12 9HP.

FOLEY - William S. (Bill) peacefully at home july 31st aged 93. Much loved father of Jane and Simon and grandfather. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Lingston Road, Teddington, 11:30 am Thursday August 8th followed by cromation at Mortiske Crematorium I pm. Family flowers only Donations to Knyal Star and Garter Rome or to F.T.B.L.

GRANT - Francis Hugh BDS, aged 60, on Tuesday 30th July, at home of cancer. Much loved husband of Sarbara, father of Kevin, Kathryn, Timothy and William, He will be grantly missed by all who knew him. Service Friday 9th August 12 noon, Zobin Hood Crematerium, Streetsbrook Road, Solikuli, followed by burlal, Tanworth-in-Ardem Parish Church All welcome. Flowers to Thomas Stagg & Sons, 562 Stratford Road, Solikuli, 890 4AX. GARDBER - Guy Clavell Inga, CEE, FRAcS, peacefully at home after a long illness on 1st August aged 80. Deanly loved husband, father and grandiather. Funeral Service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Americam, Bucks. at non on Wednesday 7th August. Family flowers only donetions if desired to The Iain Bannie Hospice at Home, Cedar Bara, Cedar Avenue, Harlemare, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP15 7DW. HEMMELL. - Canon Michael Mursay on Angust 1st 1996, peacefully aged 77 years. All enquiries to Quimas Funeral Service, Hoylake, Wirral, (0151) 632-2205. LIVESUSY - Cynthia Mary, died peacefully in het sleep at her house in Totnas, Devon, on 26th July 1996. Mny she rest in peace.

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MONTAGU - On 1st August 1996, aged 86, at Cammen, France, George Frederick Osbeliseston Montagu, late Major Coldstream Geurde, beloved hueband of Jacqueline and devoted father of Anne and John, Funeral at Holy Trinity Churth, Cannos, at 10 am on August 6th.

MUNEY - J. Michael, FRICS, aged 57. Lost his battle against MS and died, dignified and quietly on 24th july, surrounded in love. A modes, stolcni, humorous Yorkshire man. Enquiries to the Fumeral Director, Marley Penrose, Trure, tel: (01872) 863596.

Oliver - Dennis (Dr.) of Bodfari, Danhigh, N. Wales. Died unexpectedly in hospital on 31st july, strengthened by prayer and love, after emergency surgery. Beautiful husband and best friend of Lis and much loved by many. Formerly Director of Research & Development, Pilkington, St Balens. A Man For All Seasons'. Exquiries to (01745) 710354.

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TEE - Wesley John on 1st August 1990 at home agod 91 years. Much loved by his five surviving children, his fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and street Service on Wednesday 7th August 2 pm at 31 Peter's Church, Little Warfey, Brentwood, Essex, for family and close friends, Flowers welcome or donations to Wesley's Chapal, City Road, London EC2. A Thanksgiving Sarvice to be announced inter. All enquiries to West & Coe Funeral Directors, 620 Rainham Road South, Dagenham, Essex, (0181) 592-0164.

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Michel Debré, Prime Minister of France, 1959-62, died in Montlouis-sur-Loire yesterday aged 84. He was born in Paris on January 15, 1912.

The spine of the s MICHEL DEBRÉ was Prime Minister of France during that period, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when Algeria was the main preoccupation of the French nation. He was one of the oldest and most faithful Gaullists, one of the men most directly responsible for de Gaulle's return to power in 1958; and as Minister of Justice (Garde des Sceaux) in the last Sovernment of the Fourth Republic Leaded by General de Gaulle, he was the main author of the constitution of the Fifth Republic. It was an asset for de Gaulle that the head of the Government should have been a strong supporter of French Algeria; this disarmed the suspicion of the army chiefs in Algeria and singularly helped the double game which de Gaulle had to play in his cautious approach to giving Algeria independence.

Debré had a greater passion than the defence of French Algeria and that was the reconstruction of a powerful French state; hence he was able to subordinate his views over Algeria to a more important cause. Nevertheless, the sacrifices he had to make were painful and he was glad to resign in April 1962. He had had many clashes with de Gaulle and not all over Algeria.

Debre's constitution was a hybrid, avoiding both the sovereignty of the lational Assembly, which was a Republican tradition, and a Presidential constitution. He was a believer in the power of texts and he had confidence that his constitutional rules would provide stable. authoritative governments and also the proper balance between Government, Assembly and President.

It was often said that the constitution of the Fifth Republic was tailor-made for de Gaulle. This was an error; the General, partly because of the crisis in Algeria and partly because of his own temperament, split the seams of the garment he was meant to wear. In devising this constitution. Debré was concerned with France Parliament always won him an audience

after de Gaulle, when a less omnipotent man would live in the Elysee and when the prestige of Parliament would have recovered from the blow it had received in 1958. If Debré's constitution was much criticized at the time — and it was undeniably hastily drafted — it became tacitly accepted by most French political leaders to an extent greater than they were willing to admit publicly. After 1962 Debré held important minis-

terial offices from 1965 to 1973, being, under President Pompidou, the least feverish of the old guard Gaullist critics but the one most to be watched and placated. No-one would accuse Debré of being a time-server and when he subordinated his own convictions it was because he considered the State first. "Our persons are of no account and our institutions themselves are only valid in so far as they serve the State."

These words, spoken in January 1959 before the Assembly, express the impulse behind Debre's career. He was a rare combination of a man of violent passion and great administrative ability. His capacity for work was immense and the flow of ordinances and decrees by which the first Government of the Fifth Republic carried into law hundreds of useful and often humdrum records, which had been waiting for years for the time for consideration, were many of them rewritten and introduced by the Prime Minister himself.

To his colleagues and subordinates he showed himself critical of inefficiency with unusual frankness. A letter to a colleague could begin "Mon Cher" but end with "I must ask you to take action at once, failing which, within one week, I shall have to find someone else less muddled and incompetent to take your

In the Assembly he was inclined to coerce and lecture rather than persuade. He was not a particularly good speaker and his physical presence, below medium height with a rather round face and a high forehead, was unimpressive. But his serious character and his respect for

# MICHEL DEBRÉ



in the Assembly and the grudging esteem of his opponents.

Michel Jean-Pierre Debré was, on the paternal side, of Jewish ancestry, a grandfather having been a Rabbi. His father, Professor Robert Debré, was a well-known children's specialist, and President of the French Medical Association in 1958. His mother, née Jeanne Debat-Ponsan, was also a doctor.

Debre was educated in Paris, and went to the Faculté de Droit of the Sorbonne. At 23 he was the first in the entrance examination to the Conseil d'État and a brilliant career in the Civil Service was open to him. In 1938 he was working for

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in the Ethiopian capital Addis

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Paul Reynaud, then Finance Minister, and met and admired Colonel de Gaulle. the principal advocate, with Reynaud, of an armoured striking force.

He joined the Army in 1939, was taken prisoner and escaped from Germany in 1941. He made his way to Morroco and joined the Free French. In 1942 he returned to France as one of de Gaulle's agents, his particular task being that of planning the Gaullist administration which was to be set up when France was liberated. It was Debre who drew up the list of prefects and senior officials who would operate at the time of takeover.
One of his first tasks after the war was the

creation of the National School of Administration, a body which greatly helped to bring the French Civil Service to a high

pitch of efficiency.

In 1947 Debré took part in the Rassemblement du Peuple Français but, tike his leader, mistrusted the huge influx of former supporters of Vichy who joined the Gaullist rally. He entered the Senate in 1948. His most important work began around 1952 when he started to use his influence to pack the French administration with men who, like him, saw that the only hope of a strong France lay in the return of de Gaulle. Debré took part in most of the plots

against the Fourth Republic. Publicly, he earned the reputation of the most violent of the enemies of "the System" and was racknamed "Father Anger" from a weekly which he produced called *Le Courrier de* la colère. His polemical book. Ces Princes qui nous gouvernent, compared Frances political party leaders with the court of Louis XVI trying to maintain its privileges while the country tottered to ruin.

In 1965 Debré returned to Government as Economics and Finance Minister. Three years later, in the Couve de Murville administration, formed after the "events of May", he was in charge of foreign affairs. President Pompidou made him Minister of Defence in 1969, a post which he held until April 1973 when the second Government, headed by Pierre Messmer, was formed after the general election. He declined office, but his departure may have been viewed without regret by the President. Debré had introduced a Bill cancelling most of the deferments of military service for students, which had caused an outcry in the country and which the Government withdrew.

In October 1973 Debré led a number of Gaullists in opposition to President Pompidou's proposal to shorten the duration of the President's term of office so as to make it coincide with that of the elected Assembly. Debré considered this would lessen the importance of the election of the President by suffrage and could lead to further tampering with the

constitution of the Fifth Republic. Under the Giscard presidency, Debré criticised both the Chirac and the Barre Governments for policies which he considered weakened the State, such as the elections for a European Parliament. Indeed the State, even more than de Gaulle had been, was always the primary object of his loyalty. A propos of Italy he wrote in *Le Monde* in 1978 that there were five recipes for killing a State, of which one or two were supportable but all present together were fatal. These were proportional representation; political appointments to important economic posts; several police and paramilitary security forces instead of one; regionalism which encouraged local loyalties at the expense of national feeling; and European

integration.

There was a final chapter to his political ambitions, when he stood for president in 1981. But there was never a realistic chance of his being elected and, in the event, he won only one per cent of the

He did not disappear from the political scene completely, however. He remained an éminence grise of the Gaullists. Chirac called him a "référence" - or figurehead of the movement, and often consulted him. He continued to write for Le Figaro. on matters such as Maastricht. After quitting Parliament in 1988, he sat on the Indre-et-Loire council. He retired from politics formally in 1992, a week after his 80th birthday.

He was mayor of Ambroise from 1966 until 1989. It was there that he revealed a more human side to his character. He was amiable with the local people, and even known to display something of the common touch which he had never quite been able to muster in Paris. His publications recently included a fascinating volume of correspondence: Entretiens avec Pompidou, 1971-74.

Michel Debré married Anne-Marie Lemaresquier in 1936. He is survived by his wife and by their four sons, of which one, Jean-Louis, is Interior Minister and another, Bernard, was the former Minister for Co-operation.

#### GENERAL MUHAMMAD FARRAH AIDID

General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, leader of the Somafi National Alliance, died in Mogadishu on August 1 aged 59. He was born in Belet Huen, Somalia, on December 15, 1936.

TO THE world's most powerful army he was a terrorist. To the hungry, proud and desper-ate people that he led he was a redeemer. But however he will be remembered, the death of the Somali warlord Muhammad Farrah Aidid marks the end of a tragic, violent chapter in the history of Africa, the United States and the United

Aidid died after being hit by two bullets during fighting in the central Medina district of the Somali capital, Mogadishu. Having been deserted last year by his closest allies. Aidid had become increasingly active as a front-line commander of his troops in the state of constant war which has raged in the city since UN troops left Somalia to its fate in March 1995.

Aidid was an Italian-trained army general whose political hbitions evolved in response to the brutal 21-year dictatorship of Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre. Born the son of a camel herder in the central town of Belet Huen. "Aidid" was the nickname given to Muhammad Farrah Hassan by his family. In 1950 he joined the army and was

sent to a military academy in Italy, which was then ruling southern Somalia under a UN mandate, while the northern part of the country was under British rule.

1960 he became an officer in the newly-formed army, and rose through the ranks until the military coup of October 21, 1969, which brought General Siad Barre to power. Aidid was initially named as Barre's chief of military intelligence, but soon afterwards was jailed on suspicion of plotting to seize power. He languished in prison until

Close confidantes of Aidid said that it was during his years in prison that he changed from being a promising career soldier to nursing thoughts of revenge against Barre's increasing brutality. While a prisoner of the regime, Aidid became so hungry that he was forced to eat the soap he had been provided with to wash himself before Muslim prayers.

The experience of prison is said to have intensified his manner and provoked irrational outbursts which he directed into plotting and vengefulness. Upon being released in October 1975, Siad Barre attempted a sort of reconciliation, using Aidid's military knowledge in an advisory role during Somalia's 1977 invasion of the ethnically Somali Ogađen region of Ethiopia.



Aidid then surprised his associates by accepting the post of Somali ambassador to India. It was thought that he had accepted being sidelined by the increasingly paranoid Siad Barre. In fact he had other plans, and used his period abroad to plan a return

to Somalia. Establishing contacts with other opponents of the Barre regime, particularly those from the Hawiye clan of which he was part, Aidid slowly assembled an opposition war which led to Barre's fall in Barre's fall exposed the divisions within the USC-SNA.

Aidid led a faction dominated by his Hawiye sub-clan, the Habre Gedir, while another was led by his former ally. Ali Mahdi Muhammad and the Abgal, also a sub-clan of the Hawive.

As inter-clan fighting gripped Somalia, famine stalked the country killing 350,000 people by December part of the problem rather 1992, and leading the United Nations to despatch an American-led military force, Operation Restore Hope, to assist in the distribution of food. Aidid viewed the UN operation suspiciously. Relations between himself and the UN special representative, the retired US Admiral Jonathon Howe, deteriorated as Aidid faced increasing blame for the failure to resolve the political and military crisis which had caused the famine.

On June 17, 1993, the UN Operation in Somalia, UNOSOM, issued a warrant for Aidid's arrest when he was accused of ordering an ambush which left 24 Pakistani UN troops dead and their bodies mutilated. The warrant launched the UN, and its American-led Quick Reaction Force, into a series of bloody and intense battles with Aidid's gunmen, which turned Mogadishu into a war zone for the following five months.

By a twist of fate, one of Aidid's sons, Hussein Farrah, who lived in Los Angeles, served two weeks of active duty with the US Marine Corps in Somalia but was returned home before US forces began chasing down his

On October 3, 18 American soldiers were killed after launching an attempt to capture Aidid which left 300 Somalis dead and Aidid still at large. The subsequent publicity surrounding the mutilation of dead American soldiers whose bodies were filmed being dragged through the streets, forced President Clinton to abandon the hunt for

liance (USC-SNA) back into Aidid and plan a speedy Somalia, precipitating the civil American withdrawal from Somalia.

Victorious at having seen-off the might of the 30,000-strong American-led force, Aidid pur-sued his objective of capturing those towns which had fallen to his rivals. Somalia was once again in the grip of the warlords whose lust for power had brought the country to its knees and dug the graves of thousands of its citizens.

Throughout, Aidid refused

to accept that he had become than a solution. A meeting with "The General", as his tough, loyal henchmen called him, was always slightly unnerving. Though daubed a "warlord", Aidid's small, piercing eyes sparkled as brightly as the huge diamond he wore in a gold ring on his finger, giving him the air of a benevolent, greying grandfa-ther. He had a slight limp and he always carried an elaborate, carved cane to help him to walk. He was always immaculately dressed, his neatly-ironed shirts remaining uncreased even as the country

war, famine and anarchy. A UN force replaced the humiliated American troops. but could do little to stop Aidid's ambitions, reluctant as they were to cross what has since become known as the "Mogadishu Line", when peacekeepers become embroiled in war. The UN finally pulled out last year on March , bloodied and disappointed. Aidid rejoiced, despite being deserted by his main backer Osman Ali Ato, whose split with Aidid left him fighting a war on two fronts in the city.

he hoped to rule collapsed into

Aidid then embarked on the military campaign which he was fighting against Ali Mahdi Muhammad in the heart of the war-wracked capital. He was finally struck by two bullets on July 24. Doctors were treating the wounds when he died of a liver infection and a heart attack.

Muhammad Farrah Aidid survived by his third wife, Khadija Said Gurhan, and by the 14 children of his three marriages.

#### DR BRIAN SELLICK



Dr Brian Sellick, consultant anaesthetist died in Devonshire on July 13 aged 78. He was born in Dorking on June 13, 1918.

BRIAN SELLICK was an essentially modest man who enjoyed a brilliant career as a pioneering and innovative anesthetist. Educated at Caterham School, where he played rugby for the 1st XV, he studied medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, where he won the student prize for surgery and qualified in 1941.

He served two years in the RNVR as surgeon lieutenant in the Far East and Australia. In November 1946 he was appointed as honorary anaesthetist to the Middlesex Hospital, and thereafter to the consultant staff of both Harefield and the Royal Masonic Hospitals.

He was elected Fellow of the Faculty of Anesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1953, served as a board mem-ber, 1962-72, and then as vicedean from 1972 to 1974, during which time he also served for the faculty on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal

College of Anaesthetists in 1989, and the Henry Hill Hickman Medal by the Royal Society of Medicine in 1994.

He pioneered anaesthesia for cardiac surgery, and devel-oped techniques for patients undergoing extra-corporeal cooling. His outstanding contribution to anaesthesia, however, was the technique which became known as "Sellick's Manoeuvre".

Sellick demonstrated that, by applying manual pressure over the cricoid cartilage, regurgitation of the stomach contents into the lungs could be prevented. The benefit this discovery has made to the safe conduct of anaesthesia cannot be overestimated. The technique is in use worldwide and has saved many lives, especially in emergency surgery.
Since he retired to his be-

loved Devonshire in 1979 he had been active in the local community. He was chairman of the South Hams Society, the principal conservation organisation in that part of Devon-shire, for ten years, and thereafter became president. He loved gardening and working with wood. He was, above all, a family

man, devoted to his wife and three sons who survive him.

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yesterday convicted of having published in the Freihelt a scandalous, wicked, and immortal libel concerning the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Thomas H. Burke, was brought up to receive judgment, his Lordship having taken time to consider what sentence he should pass.

Mr. S. BENNETT, having addressed the

Court in mitigation of punishment, the prisoner, through M. Albert, the interpreter, stated that when he entered the office of the Freiheit as a compositor, he did so, as anyone else might do, to look for work. At that time he did not belong to any club or society. As to the number of the paper containing the article complained of, he only composed and set up a very little portion of it on the second page. The article which appeared on the first page he only saw after it had been printed, and even had it been contrary to his own feelings and wishes, he could not have helped the matter. but he should not have written such an article

A witness was then called to speak to the prisoner's good character, and it was stated that he was not a man of any pronounced political views.

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MR. JUSTICE STEPHEN, in passing sentence, told the prisoner that he stood convicted of publishing a libel, and that libel was certainly one of a very infamous nature, it was impossible to speak too strongly of the abominable matter which was contained in it. One person (Schweim) had already been convicted of a similar offence in respect to another article, and as he undoubtedly had had a leading part in the publication of the paper, he received very properly a severe sentence of 18 months' imprisonment. With regard to the prisoner, however, it did not appear that he had anything to do with the composition of the article—he meant the

writing of it: but whoever had written it had committed a crime, as to which, on that occasion, he would say no more. He thought it was possible that the jury might take the view that the prisoner had acted merely as a compositor, and quite mechanically in what he did, and if they had seen their way to acquit him upon that ground, he would have been spared the painful duty which he had then to perform. But they could not take that view . . . Taking into consideration that the prisoner was a married man, with a good character, he sentenced him to three months' imprisonment.

HORSES IN EGYPT.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir.—I cannot help suggesting that to send the Household Cavalry chargers out to a summer campaign in Egypt will be barbarous cruelty and great waste of good horseflesh. What will those grand, heavy horses of the Life Causels do works that blookers. Guards do under that blazing sun? The the momentum there is 40deg. (Réaumur) in the shade. If the Life Guards must be sent out cannot they be given, pro tem, at least, chargers inured to a hot climate? It is certain their own chargers, grand creatures as they are, will die by hundreds.

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#### Europe ready to scrap beef deal

John Major's hopes of lifting most of the ban on British beef exports by November were in tatters last night after Germany and Brussels virtually tore up the deal that ended the beef war with Europe.

After the revelation that mad cow disease can be passed from mother to calf, Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, has called for a rethink of the framework drawn up in Florence six weeks ago .... Pages 1, 4

#### Ulster Volunteers disband rogue group

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The loyalist terrorist group, the Ulster Volunteer Force. disbanded a rogue unit that has persistently called for an end to the loyalist ceasefire. . Page 1

Training for terrorists Iran runs a network of 11 training camps for foreign terrorists, according to a report based on classified American intelligence

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Lewis heads for record America's star athlete Carl Lewis will probably have a chance today to become the most gilded Olympian of all time - but only after a rum chapter of committee-room manoeuvres and commercial muscle-flexing.... .... Page I

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A two-storey office block in Derby houses one of the richest collections of employees in Britain -Porterbrook directors ...... Page 2 Contestant paralysed

A woman Gladiators contestant was lying paralysed in hospital after a terrifying fall during rehearsals for the television series. She suffered serious spinal injuries while rehearsing for the com-... Page 3 bat game.....

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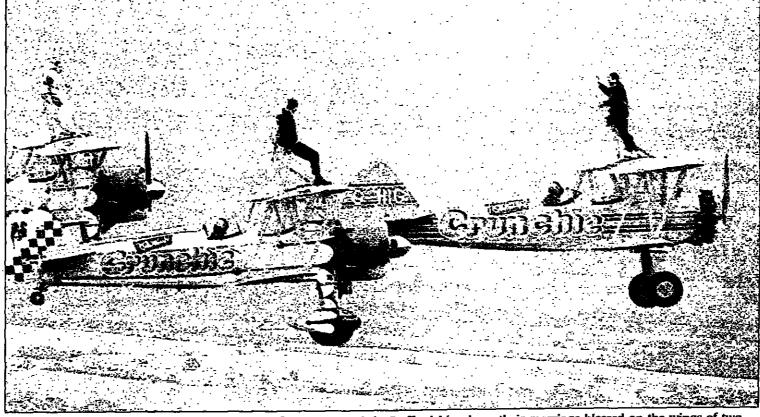
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■ Britain's first museum devoted to children's literature is intended to stop manuscripts and illustrations being snapped up by overseas collectors. Newcastle upon Tyne is being considered as a home for The Centre for the Children's Book ........... Page 7



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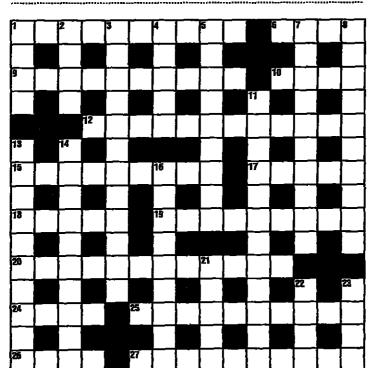
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- 1 Casual sort of music (10). 6 Spots an 'orse, we hear (4).
- 9 She may be in line for a stage career (6.4). 10 Girl Bond's superior heard on the
- radio (4). 12 Abuse of doctor's role (3-9).
- 15 A minute piece accomplished. open to improvement (9).
- 17 Loopy arrangement of mine holding firm (5). 18 A crop processed as source of oil
- 19 Not under control and showing no consideration (3.2.4).
- 20 Keeping going and cutting on through (12).
- 24 Not up to a teaching qualification 25 Tourist puts out tray for bird to eat
- 26 With leader absent, cut up and maybe finished cake (4). 27 Selfish concierge contrived to
- retain tenant in the end (10).

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23 A fine boy (4). Solution to Puzzle No 20,236

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5 Harmony of people in a lament

Covered in sweat, perform some-

thing, showing precision (10). Puts up with oriental party.

14 Fully absorbed, having to fix

Old clown opposed to opening of

domestic appliance (4-6). 16 Show disapproval of new German

22 Is it made of boxwood? (4).

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Scotland will have outbreaks of rain. Temperatures will be near normal. ☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N: dry with sunny spells developing. Wind north to northwest, light to moderate. Warmer. Max 24C (75F)

Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales dry with sunny spells. Wind variable, mainly north to northwest. Warmer Max 22C (72F).

# N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, N Ireland: dry with surny spells developing. Wind west to southwest,

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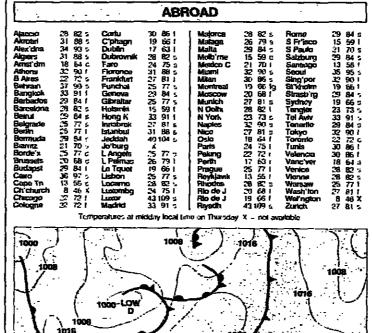
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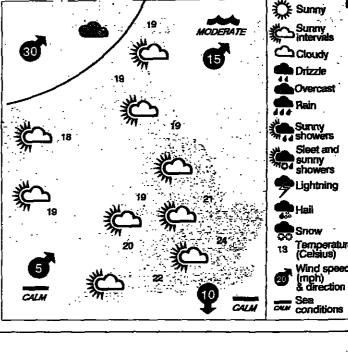
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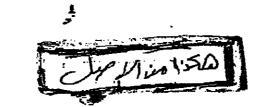
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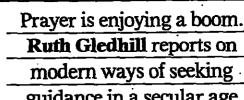


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guidance in a secular age

ir Ludovic Kennedy, an atheist so devoutly not a theist that his lack of belief is almost a matter of faith, is adamant that he never prays. Unbelieving, I challenged him: "What, not even when you can't find a parking space on a hot day?" "Good heavens... Good Lord, no," he replied.

At least I could be sure when interviewing Sir Ludovic on the subject of prayer that he would not ask me to pray with him over the telephone before we began. In six years as The Times religion correspondent, this has hap-pened to me a handful of times, invariably when speaking to an evangelical Christian. These prayers go something like this, expanded over a minute or two: "Good Lord, we ask for your divine guidance and blessing on this interview. We pray that you will guide and bless Ruth as she writes her article, and help her to express your truth according to your divine will."

To my faint embarrassment, I usually go along with it to get the interview. My own prayer life might be fairly intense, but it is private, not something I like to do on the phone.

It is not surprising that I, a clergyman's daughter, pray regularly - even if it is just a silent plea for the rain to stop. But could it be true, in an increasingly secular society, that more people resort to prayer than is widely

Church membership across the main denominations continues to "decline" (as in the Methodist Church) or "bottom out" (as in the Church of England). But while organised religion might be suffering, there are indications of a resurgence in spirituality in what many believe to be a rebellion against the materialism of the 1980s.

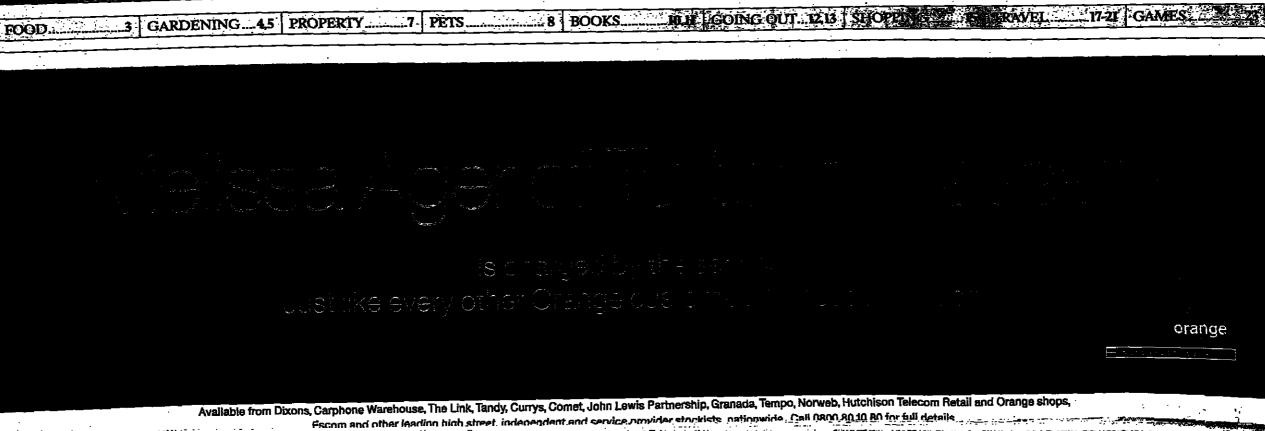
Retreat houses, such as the one at Aylesford Priory in Kent, where people go for prayer and meditation, are booming, with bookings at record level. The National Retreat Association, which has information on more than 200 Christian retreat houses and their programmes, last year sold 12,000 copies of its journal, Vision, listing these details.

illian Paterson, the religion publisher of Cassell, says: "Spirituality is where it's at, in terms of religious publishing. Books on prayer and meditation are the thing at the moment, particularly in America and here. It is where the market is." As a result, Cassell, in co-operation with The Times, is inviting readers to submit prayers, for publica-

tion in The Times Book of Prayers.
The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, who came from a non-churchgoing background, believes that most people know instinctively what it is to pray: "A lot of people pray in their own way and do not need church buildings or religious artefacts to do it. But all

Dr Carey rises early every day to pray, but it was a particular relief to hear the head of the

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everything seems to have gone right for me. Canon Dick Williams, the author of God Thoughts (see . box, below right) believes that prayer can be of great benefit in easing fear, particularly for children. "I speak as someone

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#### INSIDE STORY

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Father Wilfrid McGreal, the prior at Aylesford, Kent, says: "To pray, it is important to go somewhere still, peaceful and comfortable. It is not necessary to kneel; just take the most comfortable body posture"





Seeking help in prayer: Dr George Carey, Moira Lister and Cardinal Basil Hume

whose mother died when I was six. I vividly remember the experience. I was helped a great deal by the prayerfulness of the adults around me. If for them God and Heaven were real, that gave me a framework in which I could handle my mother's disap-

pearance and the aftermath. Children can handle grief and pain if they see their parents grieving. What they can't handle so well is seeing grown-ups who are afraid. Prayer has a great deal to do

with handling our fears. The most important thing is example. To be with people who are praying is a comforting thing for a child. What they need most is to have brave and loving people around them. Anything that helps people to be like this helps the children, too."

Canon Williams, who takes many school assemblies, believes that there are other ways in which children can benefit from prayer. His church in Liverpool has 127 broken window panes in it. so he speaks with feeling when he says that prayer can teach children to say "thank you, sorry and please".

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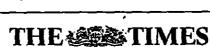
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A surprising number of people have told me extraordinary stories of spiritual experiences, of answered prayers, of seemingly hopeless situations turned to good use. But many, including myself, are reluctant to talk generally about such things, fearful of scepticism.

mockery, rejection.

Millions of people worldwide do believe in the efficacy of prayer. Sometimes they go to extremes to demonstrate this. In May, ten million people in 180 countries, including thousands in London, took part in the bi-annual "March for Jesus". In its early days, in the late 1980s, marchers would speak of exorcising the demons of materialism, of "spiritually cleansing" the places they walked through with their prayers. Such talk is not now so overt, although the organiser. Brian Clews, says: "If people pray for something to happen in an area and it happens, I suppose that is the sort of label some people might put on it."

ext year, with no march planned, Mr Clews is co-ordinating Operation A to Z". during which an attempt will be made to pray for every home in the country before the millennium. Nearly 3,000 churches have promised to take part. Like it or not. reader, your home is about to be prayed for.

This opens up another de-bate. Should we ask some-body's permission before we pray for them? Is such activity a kind of invasion of their spiritual privacy?

For years, in churches and synagogues throughout the land, millions of people have prayed for the Prince and Princess of Wales. Have their

PART HARRISON



"We do not pray enough, and we are all deficient in our

prayer lives." Some people hold to a form of deism, believing that simply taking a walk through beautiful countryside is appreciating God's creation and, therefore, as good as going to church. Mr Gummer sticks to the idea that worship in church is essential. He does, however, speak also of "arrow prayers", those

spontaneous pleas for help or utterances of grateful thanks. His role model is the Arch-bishop of Westminster, Cardi-

nal Basil Hume. "You get that constant feeling when he is making a speech or talking that you are holding him back from what he has is actually

doing, which is praying." For the beginner, it can be difficult to know even how to start praying. Father Wilfrid McGreal. the prior at Aylesford, says: "If you dare open yourself to God, then God allows into your life a loving knowledge that touches

the core of your being. "One of my experiences was about a fortnight after my

#### PRAYER THROUGH THE AGES

THE ANCIENT Greeks prayed because they feared their powerful and capricious Gods, who needed constant appeasement. The Israelites sang hymns of praise, some of the most beautiful being the Psalms, as well as offering prayers of petition, laments, repen tance and intercession

St Paul in his letters emphasised the impor tance of constant prayer and thanksgiving in every situation. At the start of the

third century, the African church father Tertullian wrote a famous treatise on prayer. Origen followed with another, the widely read On Prayer, in AD 234, shortly before his martyrdom. But the most patristic era when great saints, such as Benedict, drew up their monastic rules. These involved reciting the "divine office", or saying certain prayers, at specific times of the day, as well as outlining the need for private prayer,

mother's death. I was walking along the Thames at Henley and saw a stag swimming across. It came out of the water and stood shaking itself; power and beauty in its winter white. I felt I had been given a symbol of life and strength at a

spiritual reading and work.

time when I was grieving."
To pray, he says, it is important to go somewhere still, peaceful and comfortable. It is not necessary to kneel, just take the most comfortable

body posture."

He also advises that, when coping with frustrations of modern life, "it is sometimes better to be angry with God than with people". His is a "catholic" spirituality, focused on prayer and meditation. lness and quiet. At the other end of the spectrum, the easily mocked evangelical end, prayer is openly endorsed as a path to material as well as spiritual

advancement. There are many sports stars who believe prayer is integral to their success, among them Tom Lehman, the American golfer who won last month's

had not done before. It works

if you try it."

Body posture in prayer is helpful in so far as it can

express the mood of the prayer,

such as kneeling to indicate submission to God's will, or standing with arms raised to

show thanksgiving. "If some-one is prostrate with grief, the body will follow the spirit."

Open Championship and thanked God in his victory speech. The athlete Kriss Akabusi is unashamed of his wealth, large car and high media profile, and openly credits God for this success. Prayer helped his decision to retire from athletics after taking the bronze medal in the 400m hurdles in the 1992 Olympics, and praver has underpinned every decision he 50.

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has made since then. 'I never prayed to win in athletics - God would have a real problem if there were eight of us in a race, all asking to win," he says. "I prayed that l could put it together to glorify God, whether I won or lost."

¶or Akabusi, regular prayer, kneeling down with his two children. is fundamental. "I do believe that the family that prays together stays together. When we pray together, the

real issues come out." He has confronted tragedy with faith. In 1985, he and his wife, Monika, lost twins, stillborn. "Good came out of that disaster, pain and suffering, because I believe I came closer

to God." he says. Evangelical prayer is open. sometimes noisy, unashamed-ly joyful, and often done en masse. My own prayer life is closer to that described by the actress Gemma Craven. A practising Catholic, she con-fesses to praying devoutly, "usually when needs must".

She says: "When I want something, or desperately want something to go well. I seem to pray a lot. Then there is the other side, where I am

thankful for the life I have. "Wherever we are, I am not averse to popping into the Catholic church and lighting a candle." And she describes the new, electric candles that light up with an artificial flame when a coin is dropped in a box. "I discovered those in Blackpool. It would be Black-

pool." she says. For her, prayer and religion are private and personal. "I am not one of the hallelujah brigade; just give me a proper candle and I'm fine," she says. Here, I differ. Give me Blackpool and its electric candles any day. Maybe it's because I'm an Anglican but. pray as hard as I might, I can never get the real ones to light.

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#### Let the chemistry happen myself out of the safety of one Techniques for making the situation and try something I

n the late 1960s, the era in which God was supposed to have died, Canon Dick Williams published a small book which began: "I am going to try to pray. I've got a sneaky feeling that this may be the silliest thing I've ever done. Because I don't know whether there is a God or not. If there is not. I'm about to start talking to myself. On the other hand, if there is a God... well, if there is a God, it would be the silliest thing imaginable not to pray." The book, God Thoughts.

prayers now been answered,

In my prayers, I pray for my

family and then for people I dislike or who I consider to

have badly offended or hurt

me. I pray for them to have

health, happiness, wealth and

everything else that I secretly want for myself. Why? Because it's the only way I

have discovered to make the

resemment disappear. If they

John Gummer, the Environ-

ment Secretary and a convert

to Roman Catholicism, says:

don't like it tough.

or ignored?

was reprinted many times and sold more than 60,000 copies, and Canon Williams, the rec-tor of St Mary's, Wavertree. Liverpool, is still approached by spiritual seekers who ask

him: "How do I pray?" He describes prayer as a "erowth industry" — books on praying and prayer collections are selling as never before. To pray. Canon Williams

advocates using the "Ignatian method", the practice most popular at retreat houses and which usually involves having a nun or monk to guide the retreatant. "You take a passage of scripture and imagine yourself in the situation described." On a recent re-

most of your private prayer



treat, where he had a Roman Catholic nun looking after him, he was trying to come to terms with serious difficulties ahead of him. He says: "She told me to put myself on a fishing boat and to walk on water. This was getting me to take

"WHEN someone asks me bow to pray, I can either tell them to kneel down and say the Lord's Prayer, or I can ask them to find out where they are and go from there. This means working out what is your chief hope, fear. regret and ambition. Those are what you will

Canon Williams says.

be praying about.
The truth we need to know has to be revealed, rather than manufactured or created by us. Prayer is an attempt to let the chemistry happen, to mirror and re-

ceive the revelation. God Thoughts was published by Kingsway (01323 410930). ISBN 854915524. The last edition was in 1978. but copics may still be found in secondhand bookshops

#### Not all the fruits of the oceans have fins, gills or shells — some have wings and eggs. But nothing can beat catching your own supper

have been on the high seas, playing at navigators and explorers, and with the tang of the briny still filling my head. I issue this warning: seafood restaurants beware. I am about to call

I cannot begin to count the number of restaurants I have come across which boast "Seafood our speciality". I am sure these notices are honestly meant, and that everything from halibut to haddock via cod and cockles could be mine for the asking. But I would remind them that fish is only half the story.

One of these days, when I am brave enough, I shall take a seat at one of their tables, fling aside the offered menu, look the waiter coldly in the eye, and ask for a puffin pilaf, maybe a guillemot goulash. or is the seaguli soufflé to be recommended?

There is no doubt that on the wild Atlantic shores of Ireland, where I have been sailing, seabirds and their eggs were once considered as much a fruit of the ocean as anything with fins and gills. The now-departed islanders on the bleak Blaskets, for example, did not have much

If you must eat like a gannet else that was reliable, except perhaps potatoes which were to prove a fickle friend. So they hunted the seabirds as much as the rabbits and the fish. Curiously, they seemed to get by without

faiths, they never got round to the recipes. It must remain a mystery as to how you cook a puffin. Which is probably a good job for, apart from the illegality of nobbling wild birds and their eggs, hitting dear little puffins over the head smacks too much of infanticide (although I did once meet a man who claimed he had eaten a puffin and said it was "fishy", but there are worse things to say about seafood). As far as the noble gannet is concerned, this missile of a bird in its precise, fish-

hunting trajectory is such a streamlined vision that to crudely interrupt its flight

food-writers in those days and so, despite

a wealth of literature written in their

native language about their lives and

ping Desert Orchid and

turning him into sausages. Herring-gulls are a dif-ferent matter. I once met a lighthouse keeper who loathed their greedy ways, having spent hours with a cloth removing their casual emissions from his polished lenses, and dismiss them as "two lousy holes with an acid bath in be-tween. I would have no conscience about sitting down to a seaguli stew, if

anyone could give me the recipe. Curiously, I can offer you one for albatross encountered in Richard Hough's biography of Captain Cook. The dish was recorded by Joseph Banks, Cook's ac-companying botanist: "Skin | the albatrosses] overnight and soak their carcisses in sait water

Paul Heiney

till morn, then parboil them and throw away the water, then stew them well with very little water and when sufficiently tender serve them up with a

It is recorded that shortly after eating this dish, Banks suffered a "severe bilious attack which laid. him low for four days". Soon, on our sail along

the Irish coast, our thoughts turned from the skies back down to the more accessible ocean, and we decided to catch a fish. To be honest, we decided to hang out a fishing line and secretly hope that we did not catch a fish for the simple reason that none of us had ever caught a fish before and would not know what to do with it, how to kill it, how to gut it, or how to be certain that we had not hooked some rare or rabid species one mouthful of which would drive us all completely mad. Catching a fish is a nice idea but, on balance, a tin of tuna is safer.

o imagine the mixed emotions when a shout from the deck interrupted an unchallenging toast and jam breakfast to announce a serious vibration of the fishing line. As the hooks came to the surface, one plump, shiny fish emerged, furious at being dragged from its natural element and dropped into ours. It was a tiger-striped mackerel;

even I can recognise one of those. I have never killed a fish before but once a blow over the head with a winch galley to turn up the gas, unearth the frying pan and get the butter hot and frothing. With the bread knife, I instinctively swiped off the head and the tail. made a neat slit up the belly as if I had been doing it all my life and, with one finger, removed the once vital organs. Then, having slit it in half, I whipped the edge of the knife under the backbone and removed it: two neat mackerel fillets were the result.

I dropped them into the pan of sizzling butter, where they curled in a way that shop-bought fish never does. Three minutes a side seemed more than enough: a dash of black pepper, and then the first forkful hit the palate.

I have never dined better than this. It was surprisingly un-fishy, but meaty, dense, yet melting with a depth of flavour that can only be attributed to the freshness. I do believe I closed my eyes at the bliss of it.

The moment was only broken by a child, old enough to know better, who handle has been accomplished, it is asked: "Won't its mummy be wondering amazing how quickly conscience gives where he's got to?" Did Captain Cook way to hunger. The order went to the

#### Peach of an idea

THERE ARE FEW more sensual pleasures than eating a perfectly ripe peach. That warm enticing smell, the way the juice runs down your chin as you bite into it . . . I could go on, but this is a family

newspaper. Unfortunately, this distracting experience doesn't occur very often in Britain. Buy a punnet of peaches from your local supermarket and they're as rock hard as a set of boules. Try to ripen them and, over-



Fiona Beckett

night, they suddenly become geriatric — the flesh goes woolly, the skin goes wrinkly - and you might as well cat a prune.

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The problem is what supermarkets call the "cool chain". In order to survive the journey from the prime peach-growing areas of southern Europe, they have to be picked unripe. chilled to within an inch of their life, and then held at that temperature for the four or five days it takes them to reach the customer - assuming they're sold immediately. If. for any reason, there's a glut, the supermarkets get their suppliers to hold them in cold storage. The fuzzy peach syndrome, my friendly greengrocer tells me, affects peaches that are more than a week old

- particularly Italian fruit. which tends to be picked less ripe than the French variety. To give them credit, supermarkets are trying to improve the situation. Marks & Spencer has cut the time between picking and the arrival of its

EFFSTOR :

SUMMER HEALTH KICK

Serves two

Red gazpacho Chicken, orange and watercress salad

Quick raspberry sorbet

In the summer, healthy food can be

preferable to comfort stodge - juicy fruit and quickly-made salads rather than fatty puds and slow-cooked meat dishes. This

supper for two, full of refreshing flavours,

can be made before going off for a swim or playing tennis and then eaten when

Put 250g (90z) frozen raspberries in a food

processor bowl with 3tbs caster sugar. Whizz for ten seconds. Leave for five to ten

Cover two skinned chicken breasts with water. Bring slowly to the boil. Turn the

heat down and simmer for ten minutes.

In a serving bowl, mix together the juice of 's orange, 's the soy sauce and Itsp oil. When the chicken is cooked, cut it into

so the warm meat soaks up the flavours.

Peel and slice one orange. Lightly brown

bite-size pieces and mix with the dressing

Check that the meat is cooked through.

M Start sorbet

minutes to defrost.

Cook chicken

Prepare salad

days, while Sainsbury's is now offering three grades — select (which are particularly juicy), nipe and ready, and — well, they probably wouldn't want me to put it quite this way unripe and unready.

Basically with peaches - as with any other produce - you get what you pay for, but the good news is that there are plenty of special offers on the riper French peaches, which are now in at their peak.

#### Ciao chow

THE LATEST battleground in the war between the leading supermarket chains has moved on from cut-price baked beans to swanky Italian food. In the blue corner is Sainsbury's (which is advised on matters Italian by the cookery writer Anna dei Conte) with a 12-year-old balsamic vinegar (to you, signo-ra, just £14.95), Agrumato extra-virgin olive oil pressed with lemons and Cipriani pasta. In the red corner, Tesco which has the television cook Valentina Harris on board) with charcoal-roasted arti-chokes, Conforti squid ink spaghetti and truffle butter with parmesan.

This week saw a strong right hook from Tesco, which not only had the engaging Valentina on show to reveal the secrets of her risotto, bu flew in the Italian producers of such artisanal specialities as the ungaliantly named lingua suocera (mother-in-law's tongue), which are like long, flat, handmade grissini, and Venezia farcita, an unbelievably scrummy cake filled with zabaglione cream. I suspect you'll be seeing a lot of both at smart dinner parties this

The Flavours of Italy range is in 120 Tesco stores. To check your nearest stockist, ring

#### Slice of life

THOSE OF YOU who work in offices may have noticed that sandwiches seem to be getting bigger and bigger in response, I suspect, to some canny psychology among sandwich bars. Basically. people want more than one sandwich but feel greedy and extravagant about buying two. Give them just one outsize sandwich and they feel satisfied but virtuous. This syndrome afflicts building site workers as well, according to a spring for next term.

spectacularly silly press release which accompanies the launch of a new range of monster sandwiches from Asda. Entitled "Kiss Goodbye to the Builder's Bum with Asda's Mega Munch", it reveals that builders no longer want to be caricatured as sexist slobs and are abandoning fry-ups in favour of healthy sandwiches.

When an interview panel was asked to describe the Mega Munch they opined that it was just like Elle MacPher-"beautifully proportioned, tasty and big enough to satisfy any appente

Innuendo aside, the Mega Munch range, which sells for between £2.29 and £2.49, is

Refreshing the active body

Make and serve gazpacho

textured soup.

De-seed half a red pepper. Skin and roughly chop half a red onion. Cut two

juicy tomatoes in half. Peel half a garlic

Put the vegetables in the food processor

bowl with half a red chilli (leave the seeds in if you like a really hot chilli taste), 150ml (4 pint) tomato juice and Itsp red

extraordinarily good value. I will pass on the tip to hungry and impoverished student off-

#### Thai in knots

IF YOU THOUGHT that chicken tikka pizza was as far as you could go in pointlessly mingling one culinary tradition with another, you under-estimated British bad taste. Some marketing genius at Parkam Foods, a firm that supplies to the catering industry, has come up with the Thai Chicken Kiev - "a breadcoated chicken portion stuffed with mango and Thai curry paste with a tomato and herb sauce". Mmm.

> More food and drink in the Magazine

Shopping list

Fruit and vegetables 250g (90z) frozen raspberries

12 oranges

2 tomatoes ≥ garlic clove

red chilli و

SOg (20z) watercress

Store cupboard 3ths caster sugar ¹stbs soy sauce

4tbs pine nuts

ltsp red wine vinegar

l small loaf ciabatta

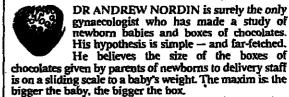
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Bread

2 chicken breasts, skirmed

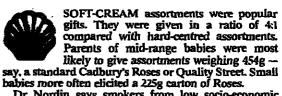
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#### CHOCOLATE BOX DR ANDREW NORDIN is surely the only



You're never short of chocolate on the labour wards," Dr Nordin says. "Women are very good at giving boxes, so we wanted to investigate this midwife folklore." Dr Nordin tested the idea on postnatal wards at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Midwives noted box weight against baby weight during a six-month trial.

Thirty-nine candy boxes were presented from 1,491 deliveries. The boxes ranged from 200g to 1,200g. Data analysis (published in the American journal Obstetrics & Gynecology) supported the baby-box link. "The giant box was given for a large 9lb baby," Dr Nordin says.



Dr Nordin says smokers from low socio-economic groups have small babies and are poor chocolate givers. Parents of premature babies gave frequently but passed them to intensive care staff outside the study.

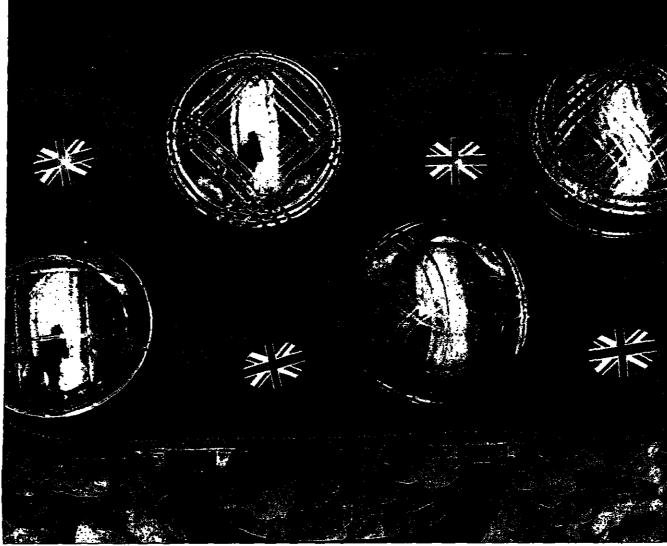
He speculates that large parents tend to produce large babies. They eat vast quantities of confectionery and hence are used to giving chocolates," he says. They are usually rich and have more to spend on luxuries.

"Diabetic women also have big babies," Dr Nordin says. "They can't think beyond a massive box to celebrate their return to their ultimate pleasure."

Dr Nordin warns pregnant women away from boxes nutrition." And his favoured gift? A bottle of Scotch.

ALEX WIJERATNE

More maternity ward presents, page 15



Hard decision: why are so many supermarket peaches in Britain as hard as boules, unlike the riper French varieties?

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wine vinegar. Whize up to get a smooth Refrigerate and serve with a little

I bottle white wine to drink on its own or mixed with fizzy water Finish and serve salad Toss the chicken and dressing with 50g

150ml (1/4 pint) tomato juice 1 bottle fizzy mineral water

(202) watercress, the orange slices and pine nuts. Serve with large slices of ciabatta bread. If the sorbet has frozen hard, take it out of the freezer to soften while you eat the

Enjoy the refreshing raspberry taste.

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4tbs pine nuts in a dry pan. Whizz the raspberries to get a smooth paste. If the mixture is still grainy, let the fruit defrost a little more. Taste the purce

Put it in two ramekins and put in the freezer. Remember to wash up the food



The great parterre garden at Drummond Castle spreads out like a richly decorated tapestry, with paths, box-edged beds, clipped yew, purple acer and white marble statues

# Roll up for the colour show

Broughton Castle, Broughton, near Banbury, Oxfordshire (01295 262624).

Two and a half miles west of Banbury on the B4035. Open May 19-Sept 11, Wed. Sun and Bank Hol Mon (Thur in Aug), 2-5pm. £3.50, children £2.

The moated castle in deeply rural countryside presents an unforgettable first view, the honey-coloured stone reflected in the surrounding water as it has been for more than five centuries. Once across the moat and within the protected area of what is more a manor house than a castle, the garden presents itself in perfect

harmony to the architecture. The main features are two superbly planted borders, with sensitive arrangement of colour, for which Lanning Roper gave assistance in 1969: blue, grey, yellow and white in one; red, mauve and deeper blue in the other. The ladies' garden is an enjoyable box-edged fleur-de-lys and best admired from the upstairs windows. One of Broughton's greatest rewards is that almost every time

CORRECTION

HIGHDOWN garden. West Sussex. was created by Sir Frederick and Lady Stern and not by Sir Frederick

you look up from admiring a plant you enjoy a view out across the surrounding parkland.

Gunby Hall, Gunby, near Spilsby, Lincolnshire (1909 486411).

Two and a half miles northwest of Burgh-le-Marsh, south of the A158. Open April-Sept, Wed and Thur, 2-6pm (last admission 5.30pm) ELSO. children 90p.

Certain gardens suggest themselves for a visit at different times of the year and Gunby is a late-summer candidate, with people passing on their way to holiday at the seaside. Its old walled enclosures are burgeoned with flowers and ripening fruit.

There is delightful contrast in mood between the stark, redbrick 1700 house, built by Sir William Massingberd that looks out over lawn to parkland and two walled gardens, which present a heady mixture of fruit, flowers and vegetables and adorned by pergolas, a dovecot and a gazebo.

Annuals in some borders are outstanding, and the apple-lined paths are a treat. A canal lined with columnar junipers is supposedly the scene of a grim family death, but no such hint of gloom can dispel the atmosphere of heady enjoyment that the kitchen gardens provide.



Gunby Hall's summerhouse

Drummond Castle, Mathill.

near Creiff. Perthshire

(01764 681251). Two miles south of Crieff on A822. Open daily May-Oct, 2-6pm. E3, children £L50.

Drummond is one of Scotland's most impressive and extraordinary gardens, and tomorrow it is open in aid of Scotland's Garden Scheme. Below the ancient castle and the adjacent house, both perched on a rocky

eminence, the great parterre garden is spread out like a richly decorated

The garden was created in 1630 by John Drummond, and its dramatic formality was revived between 1818 and 1860 by Lewis Kennedy, the head gardener. The primary pattern is the St Andrews cross, marked by paths, but the whole is a pattern of boxedged beds, clipped yew, purple acer and Portuguese laurel of enormous complexity. White marble statues provide dazzling ornamentation, both in the parterre and up the flights of steps, and the overall style is reminiscent of Italian, French and Dutch gardens adapted to British

As if to emphasise this, the garden's most striking ornament is the wonderful multifaceted sundial made by Charles I's master mason.

Kettle Hill, Blakeney, Norfolk (01263 741147).

On the Langham road, out of Blakeney, signposted on all main roads. Open tomorrow, 2-5.30pm. £1.50, children free.

At Kettle Hill, Richard and Frances Wynch have shown during the last five years what can be done when making a "second" garden. For many years they lived at Swannington. near Norwich, where they developed

a fine country house garden and established the Romantic Garden Nursery. They wanted their move to Kettle Hill to mark a change, both in location and garden style - which it

emphatically did. Perched on a hill with breathtaking views to the Norfolk coast and the majestic landmark of Morston church tower, the garden is adven-turous in both design and planting. An addition to the house built in the style of a classical orangery overlooks a knot garden in low box hedging. gravel and lavender. Terraces and steps with intricate patterning lead up to a sweep of lawn and views to woodland, where lilies thrive in the hade and the paths rose garden.

But it is the bold planting of summer perennials and foliage plants in the long border to one side of the lawn, and in the new walled garden behind that is most evident. In the wall garden, the combination of Oenothera 'Pink Petticoat' growing through one of the alstromeria Princess lilies with shell-pink flowers, surrounded by billowing gypsophila 'Rosy Veil', is a good example of the combinations of colour and form that abound to show any visitor what can be achieved in the space of just a few years.

GEORGE PLUMPTRE



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

A friend has moved into a flat where the garden has suffered from a heavy dose of weedkiller drift, possibly from a railway track. Is there a cure? - B. Rust, Sittingbourne,

A This depends on what chemical was used. Glyphosate is one of the better chemicals in terms of its eco-friendliness, but a little goes a long way when it comes to killing plants, especially soft herbaceous ones. Selective weedkillers - nastier chemicals - are more easily resisted by plants. The leaves may curl and some distortion may occur, but many plants eventually shrug this off and grow normally in the following year. So the answer for your friend is to be patient and see what survives. If she can establish a case against the railway people, she should make a noise.

How do I deal with a rampant wisteria? Mine is 30 years old and grows on a southeast-fac-ing wall. It is never fed but produces such big shoots that, if left to the normal twice-yearly pruning, it would take over the place. Would it be better to pull off all the new growth? Mrs J. Thompson, Diss.

A Fed or not, your wisteria obviously has access to plenty of food and water. So rather than provoking it into yet more rampant shoots by hard pruning, cut less for a year or two. Stick to the twiceyearly pruning only, in July and December, and encourage it to slow down a little by ripening some wood. Has it had some hard pruning in the last few years, to incite it to riot?

A German friend gave us two walnut seedlings from her garden 13 years ago. Last year the first walnut was produced. This year there were many embryo walnuts but they all dropped off. The leaves have peculiar indentations, too. What should I do? - J. Webb, Alfriston, East Sussex.

Your trees are infected A your wees are uncertainty with walnut leaf blotch, Gnomonia leptostyla, producing yellow blotches on the surface and

grey ones underneath. Small trees can be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture. Otherwise, make sure you collect and burn as many of the leaves as possible. Leaf blotch also affects the fruits. but not to the extent of making them all drop off at embryo stage. This was probably because of the cold or drought earlier in the year. Walnuts carry male and female flowers on the same tree so, once a tree has settled down to regular flower production, pollination, which is by wind, should be no problem.

from earth iches Italia

My neighbour has a 28-year-old monkey reached 24st growing in nothing more than clay with flints. Is it likely to grow any taller? This year it carried many cones and shed a lot of yellow dust: would this have been pollen? The tree is 14ft from the back wall of my house. Is it likely to do harm? It does not seem to affect any plants between itself and my house. — J.A. Smith Chatham, Kent.

Monkey puzzles do less well in thin dry soils and where humidity is low. This one is growing at a good speed and seems happy enough to bear plen-ty of cones. This year has been good for cones after last year's hot summer. and, yes, the dust will have been pollen. The tree will get bigger, probably much taller than the house, but these are wind-firm trees and unlikely to fall on the house. There may, however, be subsidence problems on your clay soil. More to the point, you will soon have a heavily shaded house. Much as I love monkey puzzles, particularly in small gardens, it would be better for you if the tree was years. Why not offer to buy your neighbour a new one, 6ft tall, for £150? It might be

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A SPECIAL TIMES READER PROMOTION

# A musical evening with supper at the Ritz for £95



The Times, in association with the Ritz in London, offers readers the opportunity to enjoy a superb musical evening and supper in one of the most glamorous dining rooms in the world for £95 inclusive.

The occasion, limited to 150 guests, is part of the Ritz's 90th birthday celebrations on Sunday, September 22.

The evening will begin at 6pm with a Po

Roger champagne reception. This will be followed at 6.45 by a special concert by cellist Julian Lloyd Webber and his pianist

They will play romantic music with

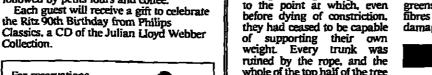
compositions by Bach, Saint-Saëns, Fauré and Rachmaninov. Classically-trained chef David Nicholls

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Tying in plants the wrong way can be fatal. says Stephen Anderton

icture a 20ft spire of the cypress-like incense ce-

dar Calocedrus decurrens. Ten years ago a couple saw that theirs had lost its original single leader, and that the several new leaders were in danger of breaking off; the whole tree could split apart. So a circle of nylon rope was knotted loosely around each leading trunk and then passed on to the next leader, until they were all joined together in a self-supporting chain gang. And then they moved house. New people came who had no dea of the trouble brewing up in their fine, emerald-green

conifer. One windy day a branch broke in the tree, half way up, and hung there by a snag. When they got the saw out to cut away the torn branch it was immediately apparent what had happened. Ten years down the line those loose circles of nylon cord had strangled the growing trunks to the point at which, even whole of the top half of the tree had to be cut off. The tree has sprouted and will grow again. But, if it was weak after the first loss of leader, a second set will be even less strong. If only the ties had been mentioned to the new owners, and cut away in time, all might now be well.



The strangled stem of a dead plant, the result of tying in too tightly during early growth

never to use imperishable cord or wire where it can be forgotten, unless you really have to. If wire has to be used run it through a length of hosepipe where it touches bark, so that it will not bite into the tree.

Even when tying up roses it is kinder, visually and physically, to use natural strings, such as fillis. Whether undyed, green or tarred, natural string is less conspicuous than any of the poplypropylene garden twines, which seem to come inevitably in luminous day-glo greens. Best of all, natural fibres rot before they can do damage to expanding stems.

Occasionally it may be pru-dent to use imperishable twine on the main trunk of a climbing rose on the wall of a house, to avoid the day when it might tear free and come down on plants below. But apart from such exceptional

occasions, it is better to use perishable string.

Preferences vary about methods for tying in roses to walls or trellis. Most people like to make a figure of eight around the stem and the section of trellis, so there is plenty of slack for an expand-ing stem to take up. Also, it affords a slight buffer between soft stem and hard trellis.

Tying to wall nails is a slower business. You can tie the middle of a length of string around the nail with a reef knot ("left over right and under, right over left and under"), leaving two long ends to tie around the plant. But I find this much too fiddly. I prefer to use a clove hitch knot. looped on to the nail and pulled tight. It still leaves two long ends to pull in the plant.

but it is ten times faster than using a reef knot, and so much easier to do when you are tying behind other foliage and can't see what you are doing. For ease of working up a ladder, put the ball of string in

**WEEKEND TIPS** 

Ensure that runner beans have plenty of water; give liquid feed with a tomato fertiliser and pick regularly to keep them cropping. If you are going away on holiday, arrange for someone else to pick and use them.

Give dahlias secure stakes tall enough to take them through to the end of the season. and tie them loosely.

Cut areas of wildflower and meadow grass this month, taking off all the clippings, to reduce fertility and encourage flowering. Be sure first that the plants you wish to

a plastic carrier bag and loop it over the ladder. Pull out a yard or so at a time, and cut it off to leave a tail dangling out of the bag, so that you can reach it with one hand. Secateurs can tuck in a back pocket, or a holster attached to the belt for Gucci gardeners. Some people like to string a bucket to the ladder, to hold both string and secateurs when both hands are needed elsewhere.

A ball of string should be pulled out from the centre and its wrappings left intact if you want to get to the end of the roll without producing some final tangle. Keeping it in an old plastic plant pot also makes it easier to pull it out

right to the end. Where speed of tying roses is paramount. I have seen tape and staple guns used to tie to canes or narrower supports. But it looks as fast and careless as it is. Better to leave stapling for temporary, commercial purposes, such as fixing to a cane in a pot before sale. If plastic can be avoided in a garden, it should. Stapling in a garden is like putting MFI in a

fine château. Some years ago a rhus died on me after six or seven years. It had been planted in the driest of soils and had not been a success. But what surprised me was that, on digging up the root, the elasticated net used to hold the rootball together was still intact, and its knotted corners, looped in pairs around the trunk, were biting deep into the wood. Once set in the planting hole, the corners of the net should have been untied and spread out around the plant. Someone could not

Garden workrooms. Vous Service nace 12

be bothered, and so a mature

plant died.

Keep down wear and tear on lawns browned by drought. Withhold fertilisers and To 522

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# From poor earth to the riches of the Italianate

It has taken 20 years to transform an infertile patch into a magnificent garden which is

open to the public. Patricia Morison reports

mong gardening cognoscenti, the name Coote is associated with a jewel of an Italian garden with a jewer of an futual garden in an Oxford suburb; a garden which is a triumph over horrible soil. Anyone who has the same problem should take the example of Pam and Nick Coote to heart.

Twenty-two years ago, the Cootes moved from north Oxford to the similarly donnish suburb of Old Headington. But if the neighbours left nothing to be desired, the garden was a different story. A secluded half-acre screened by tall trees, it now spreads pleasantly around the house vintage 1930s, Spanish-style with white walls, wrought iron, and green pantiles.

The Cootes were used to north Oxford's hearty soil, so it was a shock to find that in Headington the soil was the horticultural equivalent of gruel; thin and infertile. Many gardeners would have battled for the rest of their days to achieve a respectable herbaceous border, fruit trees, roses and a decent lawn. On sight, the Cootes abandoned their dreams of creating a beautiful English garden.

For a year, they read and thought and planned, before embarking on a project which would take years to mature.

The result is a fascinating garden. rationally and interestingly planned to seem much larger, with its paths and hedges, its shady recesses of densely planted shrubs and specimen trees, which include such unusual species as Hungarian oak, Italian pine, and the incense cedar. Idiosyncratic, even whimsical (there is a corner for plant freaks and a



Pam and Nick Coote in their garden

non-functional fountain of grinning dolphins), this is an exceptionally intricate creation. Incredible effort must have been involved in producing the hundreds of annuals, tender perennials and exotic shrubs, brought out from the greenhouse every June and artfully arranged in pots and urns to lap the front of the house and spill excifingly along the drive.

The Italian influence is strong, imbued in Mr Coote by years of study in Rome. His wife is equally Italophile. Yet this is not a garden of grandiloquent pastiche, but one where Renaissance principles of design have been mulled over and adapted for a rather modest setting.



The Sicilian herb garden, surrounded by Acer platanoides 'Drummondii', features box hedging, a well-head and wall "window" made of Spanish tiles

6 The soil was thin as gruel ....and on sight the Cootes abandoned dreams of creating a beautiful garden ?

Take the wide parterre beside the terrace, where at this season the Cootes can sit framed by pots of 12ft-tall daturas. At a time when there is an epidemic of fussily unconvincing parterres, this one is an object lesson, framed by a 4ft yew hedge enclosing four simple, perfectly proportioned box-edged beds, planted with predominantly grey-leaved plants which flower in blocks of single colour. This spring, it was lilac, alliums and narcissi, later Hebe albicans, sedums and 'Hidcote' lavender.

Admiring the garden's botanical profusion it is easy to forget the infertile ground beneath. The Cooles minister to it

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tirelessly. They feed yearly with mush-room compost, safe enough on their neutral soil but not a good idea if, like mine, your soil is very alkaline. They mulch 3in deep in spring with leaf mould

and spot feed copiously with Chempak.

However, the key to success is discovering plants which perform on poor, fastdraining soil, and even in shade or semishade. Evergreen shrubs, small and large, offer many possibilities and, as Mrs Coote points out, are an escape from the typically British winter wasteland. A favourite is Mahonia aquifolia, which colours prettily in the winter and makes an attractive low edging to a path. Sarcococca Christmas Box' is another favourite, grown along the drive under the tunnel of laburnums where it fills the February air with the scent of honey.

That thorny brute poncirus does well under there, too. laden with white blossom in May. Another well armed evergreen is Berberis calliantha, which the Cootes have as a low hedge under a shady bow-window. It is pretty enough to make even a convinced berberis-hater like me think twice, and its coarse teeth might give a burglar pause for thought. Hollies are a neglected tribe, beautiful each gap with a large terracotta pot of

even when young and, for the most part, splendidly tolerant of short commons. The Cootes grow many species, from the neat hummock of uncommon liex cornuta 'Rotunda' to the weirdly fleshy
1. crassifolia. Particularly pretty is

I. hascombensis, a slender spire with miniature, twisted leaves. Variegated hollies are a brilliant choice for lifting gloomy corners. The Cootes have the uncommon and beautiful little I. myrtifolia aureus, as well as the strapping 'Silver Milkboy', which is in every garden

the overly despised laurels are another good bet. Prunus laurocerasus 'Zabeliana' stretches wide to make a handsome, glossy presence underneath big trees. Its relative P. camelliifolia has thick leaves and is a touch bizarre.

A particularly clever idea of the Cootes is to grow that fine form of laurel P. laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken'. in a wide bed hard up against the towering boundary trees. Mr Coote hard prunes to keep it at 3ft 6in. cutting a scalloped edge where the laurels meet the path. In early summer they fill

white agapanthus, 12 in all, and smart as new paint against the glossy laurel.

A winner in dry shade is the lacy-leafed

elder Sambucus nigra laciniata. Another jaw-breaker is Acanthopanax sieboldianus 'Variegatus', a graceful shrub with sparse, silver-edged leaves, quietly handsome in a dark corner.

At low level, the Cootes use far choicer things than butcher's broom and stinking iris. For trachystemon, sun or shade is all the same. It is a rampaging carpeter with big heart-shaped leaves and glistening, haired, purple flowers. Tiarella, or Foam Flower, is said to need rich, damp

Do not believe it; this pretty thing does fine in dry shade. So does Pachyphragma macrophyllum, which has glistening white spires of blooms in April. I cannot wait to try it.

● The Cootes' garden at 40 Osler Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 9BJ, is open for the National Gardens Scheme on Aug 11, and by appointment for gardening clubs. For nurseries stocking the plants mentioned above, consult the Royal Horticultural Society's The Plant Finder (Moorland Publishing, Moor Farm Road West. Ashbane. Derbyshire, DE6 1HD. £12.99; 1SBN 0951 2161-6-X, £12.99).



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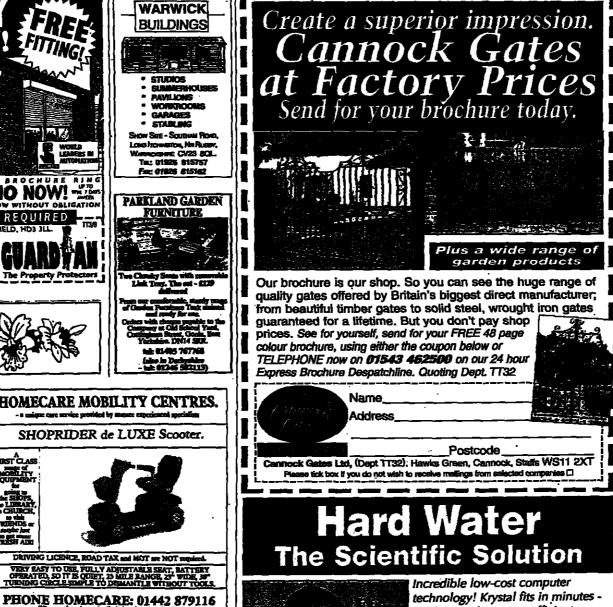
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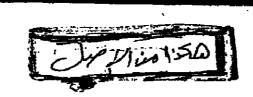
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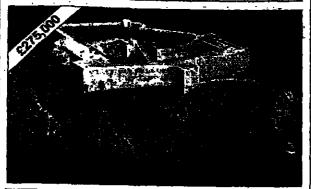


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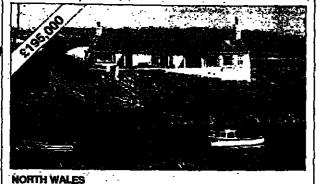
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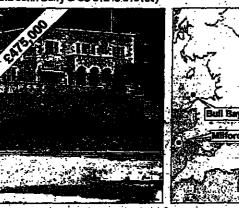
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# Something natty in the woodshed

and the company also makes larger offices. Although Homelodge's offices have internal cabling, carpets, blinds

and heating, customers will need to

The offices of Executive Garden

Studios in Shropshire are timber-

framed with steel walls, coated with

plastic inside and outside. Windows

are double glazed and glass is

surprisingly, an office in the garden, says: "We try to cover

maintenance, security and insula-

tion." The firm's smallest office (9ft

square) cost £5,306 and can be put up

in a day. The biggest (lift by 22ft) costs £10,341. The custom-made

buildings can be bought outright or leased for three years "and then it's

As for insuring these buildings and

the equipment inside, Ian Jones.

managing director of Tolson Messen-

ger, the home office insurers, says: You must tell your household insur-

yours", says Mrs Barrett.

elen Barrett, who with

her husband Steven runs

the business from, not

bring services to the site.

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The garden is the ideal place for an

from home and are cramped for space

office if you work

hey have tried the bedroom, the garage, the kitchen and the dining room. But over the past year an increasing number of the estimated 700,000 people who work from home are moving their offices into the garden. Andrew James, publisher of Home Run, the magazine aimed at those working from home, says: "It's usually cheaper than building an extension and it gives you greater privacy. Dedicated space is very important. You can work without noise from the vacuum deaner or television and you don't have to keep packing your stuff away. The fact that there is a place to go, shut the door and come away from is an important

The growing demand prompted Worcestershire-based Courtyard Designs to launch its Office in the Garden a few weeks ago. The company makes a range of traditional timber outbuildings but now offers four sizes of garden office.

The smallest is 15ft by 10ft, costing about £11,000, the largest 20ft by 10ft at around £16,000. They are made of Douglas fir weatherboard or cedar, have a steel security grid between the outside wall and the plasterboard interior, and come with slate or reclaimed clay tiled roofs. Walls, floors and roofs are insulated with

The door and windows are double glazed and have secure locks. The office takes two days to assemble and does not need foundations. Ursula Mason, director of Courtyard Designs, says: "We can obtain planning permission if it's needed, but usually it isn't. Exceptions may be where it's in a conservation area, if it lies within the curtilage of a listed building, in a National Park or in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty."
Homelodge in Hampshire has

been in operation for a decade but in the last year has seen "incredible increase" in demand, according to one of its directors, Sue Bolger. Its timber offices, with insulated walls, floors and roofs, and double glazing, start at £8,850 for a 12ft square building. A 12ft by 27ft costs £15,750, ers what you're doing. Outbuildings

**SPAIN** 



The Rev Colin Hutt with Hilda the labrador outside the purpose-built garden office he shares with his wife

are normally covered under the household buildings policy but

because you're running a business it

may affect the validity of your policy.

That will vary from insurer to

insurer. They will certainly like to

know if you're involved in a hazard-

ous activity which may result in an

One way of putting distance be-

tween you and the rest of the world is

to have an office in a tree. Last year, at the Chelsea Flower Show, Wyevale

Garden Centres created the Writer's

Garden, including a tree house with a

balcony and office equipment which

was surrounded by a most (pictured right). The garden won a Royal

Horticultural Society Gold Medal.

The Northamptonshire firm of

Mill Developments (now Willow-

brook), which made the tree house,

has had a number of inquiries. Its

owner, Peter Farrell, says costs would

be between £5,000 and £10,000

depending on size but, like trees, his

houses may be some time coming.

The company is very busy for the next

few months.

increased fire risk."

#### CASE HISTORY

FOR Liz Hutt, relocation means an office between two pear trees, and a 20-yard walk to work. Until recently the dining room at her-loth-century office for a secretarial business, shared with her husband Colin, a priest, who used it to talk to parishioners. Their daughter Jane also used it for piano practice and, when the family had dinner, there was no hiding the photocopier.

THE Hutts heard that Courtyard Designs was about to launch its Office in the Garden and took delivery of the very first one. At 15ft by 10ft, it is the smallest in Courtyard Designs' selection of four timber offices, but can still seat three people comfortably. Mrs Hutt said: "We're very happy with it. It came as a complete package with door locks, three windows, double glazing, overhead spotlights, a heater and 16

power points.

All the Hutts had to do was dig a short trench from the house to the office for the water pipe and the electricity and telephone wiring. Mrs Hutt still has to move out occasionally when her husband, who is also using the office, sees his parishioners. The piano, however, is staying in the dining room.

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### The punkish rock lovers

BIRDS ARE gathering along the rocky shores of the west coast of Scotland. There are always hooded crows there, stalking about looking for a dead crab or a half-eaten bread roll. But curlews have come down from the mountainsides to join them, feeding with their long, curved beaks at the end of a sandspit or beating across the water with a wild, melodious cry.

Resting among the rocks, or floating just out in the waves, you can often see in August a small flock of dark-looking ducks. They are quite shy, and as you get near they wing away in a small skein over the sea, now showing a white bar on their wings.

These are red-breasted mergansers, which nested earlier this year in a tunnel in the brambles or under overhanging heather on the shores of the mountain lochs and sea inlets. Just now they all look so dark because they have gone into their "eclipse" plumage while they moult.

In a couple of months. though, the drakes will be looking quite spectacular again. They will have green heads, a white collar, and a broad chestnut band across

Most noticeable of all, they will have a stiff little crest sticking out from the back of the head, quite punkish — and the females, though they will

remain in duller plumage, will The other remarkable feature about them is their beaks. They belong to a family of diving ducks called "sawbills". which also includes the goo-

Their beaks (which are bright red) have a line of backward-leaning teeth along the inner edges, and they use these to hold the fish that they catch as they swim around under water. They like young salmon — and they are not popular with fish farmers. They are shot, but there is no real evidence that they do any harm to fish stocks.

Bobbing about on a rough sea, or swimming with their heads half-under looking for fish, they are a delightful sight. At present, it has been calculated, there are about 3,000 breeding pairs in Scotland and a few, more in England and Wales - and I am glad to say that they seem to be holding their own.

#### DERWENT MAY

● What's about: Birders — Watch for large numbers of black-headed gulls and startings overhead catching recently hatched flying ants. Twitchers — American widgeon at Cley. Norfolk; Spanish sparrow at Waterside, Cumbria; Jour white-rumped sandpipers at Breydon Water, Norfolk Details from Birdline 0891 700222. Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate, 50p

for these tiny rodents living inside tennis balls placed in fields by scientists. A hole has been cut into each ball to provide a haven for this smallest of British rodents. The hole has a circumference of 15mm - smaller than a 5p piece - and is too small to let any other rodents in. It is ideal for the harvest mouse, which weighs about 6g, but is too small for the wood mouse, which weighs about 19g. By comparison, a house mouse

tific survey is not that the harvest mouse is in any particular danger of becoming extinct, although it is not as abundant as it used to be. In

# Ballroom to let for high life

Keep your eyes peeled this summer and you may see harvest mice living in tennis balls, says Jack Crossley

et lovers have been invited to take part in a survey which will introduce them to the harvest mouse - an irresistible creature with the audacity to be pugnacious while not being much longer than the wint of a human finger. They are being asked to look

weighs 13g.
The reason behind the scien-

fact, it is surviving despite industrialised farming techniques. It's just that we need more information about how it

is getting on.
Only around 0.5 per cent of biological records held in the UK are on mammals, compared with 65 per cent for birds. But this is set to change. We can only protect British mammals effectively if we know where they are." says Dr Pat Morris, chairman of the Mammal Society.

Spotting harvest mice has never been easier. Slazenger has provided 11,000 tennis balls and the Mammal Society has put them on the end of bamboo poles in strategic fields around the country. There is already plenty of evidence that the mice find them des res.

These tiny mice are charming but can you keep them as pets? It used to be popular, but those who care for them try to discourage the idea. Derek Gow, of the New Forest Nature Quest near Lyndhurst,

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Harvest mice at home in their tennis balls and, above left, one of the tiny creatures

Hampshire, which has a popular harvest mice colony, says: "As long as people get the right advice, read the literature, are interested in what they are doing and provide the correct facilities, harvest mice can be fascinating pets."

But these little rodents are for looking at - not for handling. Remember the caresses that Lennie gives lovingly, but fatally, to his pets in Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men.

They are best kept in small colonies behind glass. "You need a cabinet about 4ft high by 2ft deep," Mr Gow says. "They're pugnacious, and bolshie. Once you have more than six they will fight." Nature Quest has 14 breeding harvest mice on display in an area which looks like a sea of corn stooks at the edge of a meadow with a big mural behind it. The enclosure is 15ft deep by 8ft wide surrounded by a 4ft high fence and designed to look like a normal

agricultural stock fence. Mr Gow says: Through the summer you can easily have four or five litters - with each pair producing four or five youngsters. You could end up with 140 animals - that's in an ideal world with every one

#### MICE FACTS

■ In summer, harvest mice live in tall grass and dunes, salt marshes, nedgerows, cereal fields marshiand and road and motorway verges.

The size of the nest will vary from golf ball to cricket hall size. Nests are most easily found from early autumn to

lifespan is thought to be around 18 months, but many do not survive beyond six months.

It's tough being this small — predators finding harvest mice a tasty morsel include owis, foxes. rats, hawks, pheasants. blackbirds and toads.

surviving. To cope with this we keep an off-display breeding facility so, should anything happen to the display, we hold all our surplus mice there. We also get harvest mice specialists who approach us for

The Quest is based entirely

on British wildlife. There is underground viewing of water voles in their runs, mink swimming areas and large natural ponds with specimens of British fish.

Harvest mice are popular because they are very active, especially when it is sunny and warm and because people are astonished by how small they are. "They are absolutely minute." said Mr Gow. "But although they are the smallest rodent they are not our small-est mammal. Pygmy shrews are even smaller." They live on millet, grass seeds, grain heads - largely a vegetarian diet but they also take very

small insects. Perhaps the best way of having your own harvest mice colony is to provide your own tennis ball sanctuary - especially if your garden backs on to farmland or grassland.

 To take part in the Harvest Mouse Survey, contact the Mammal Society at Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW3 4BG (0171-448 4358). Nature Quest, Longdown,
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A Vet Writes...

# How to keep the puppy fat away\*

dogs are overweight and a survey of pet owners might produce similar figures for the same reasons: too much food and not enough activity.

Person or pooch, it is easier to gain weight than lose it, so slimming should begin as soon as an extra pound appears. But in the real world, Fido is several pounds overweight before anyone thinks of a diet. Overweight dogs don't enjoy life as much as lean ones, and fatties may die earlier. Coronary heart disease is not the killer that it is in human beings, but fatty livers and overworked kidneys wear out more quickly.

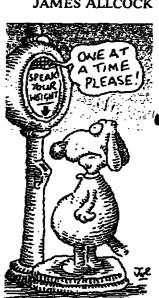
Making sure a dog enjoys the second half of his life is the best reason for keeping him slim. Legs carrying extra weight develop pains in the joints. Arthritic changes occur, and walking becomes an effort. The dog stays at home, has another biscuit. which turns into more fat.

o where do you start? The best place is the bathroom scales. Weigh him. If he won't sit on the scales, a little dog can be put in a basket or box. Otherwise, weigh yourself, pick up the dog, see what you weigh together, and do a subtrac-tion. Your vet might help with

his surgery scales. Next, cut down on his food. Start with three-quarters of a normal bowl, and stop giving him titbits. The diet has to fill the dog up, so bulk is impor-tant. Low-calorie, high-fibre canned foods are available, but you can make a DIY diet by adding bran, boiled cabbage or carrot to his meals. Dogs get nothing out of these foods except a full stomach. With cunning it's possible to persuade a dog that raw carrot or apple is a titbit.

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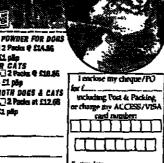
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PET NEWS

#### First-aid kits

TWO first-aid kits for pets will be launched at the RSPCA's Scruffts Competition for non-pedigree dogs on August 11. They are hailed as being of a standard higher than most human first-aid kits. Information from Sheila Parness, Dogwoode, 907 Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, London SW3 3BH (0171-584 6474). Small £12.99; large £49.99.

#### Time to play

HAVING SPLIT the atom, been to the moon, and dug a hole under the English Channel. is mankind ready to take another giant step and devise a toy which cats cannot resist playing with? Manufacturers have sent us aerobic trees, balls which run around race tracks, balls which distribute cat-chew rewards and catmint mice at the end of fishing rods. In months of tests, all cats known to this column either refuse to



Police dogs go through their paces seconds. However, if you leave a toilet

roll within reach . . . any suggestions?

#### Would-be vets

"IF YOUR SCHOOL doesn't have pets. why not suggest they get a few? Toads, rabbits, insects and mice make great classmates. School animals also need homes during holidays. You could end up with a different pet three times a year." This suggestion comes from a soyou-want-to-be-a-vet children's book. which deals with "the good, the bad,

Genius Vet, by Jason Page, published by Bloomsbury for children aged nine and over. Price E3.99.

#### Fat cat homeless

NOW THAT it's August, it's time for a rash of stories about giant killer cats. If you hear any from lpswich blame Wally, a jet-black giant who has been mistaken for a panther, but is nothing more than an overweight domestic short hair. The local Cats Protection League wants someone to offer him a good home. Contact the CPL on 01403 221927.

#### Reptiles for all

REPTILE INDEX 96 is on tomorrow. There is a large array of snakes, lizards, spiders, insects and amphibians, and experts to give advice. The show is at The Connection, Learnington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry, More information on 01203 581812

#### Airgun menace

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#### Lizard hazard

A BABY girl has recovered from meningitis believed to have developed from salmonella poisoning caught from the droppings of a pet monitor lizard. Andrea Miles, in-house vet at the Pet City chain, advises wearing gloves whenever dealing with animal droppings - particularly those of cats. Afterwards, always wash your hands.

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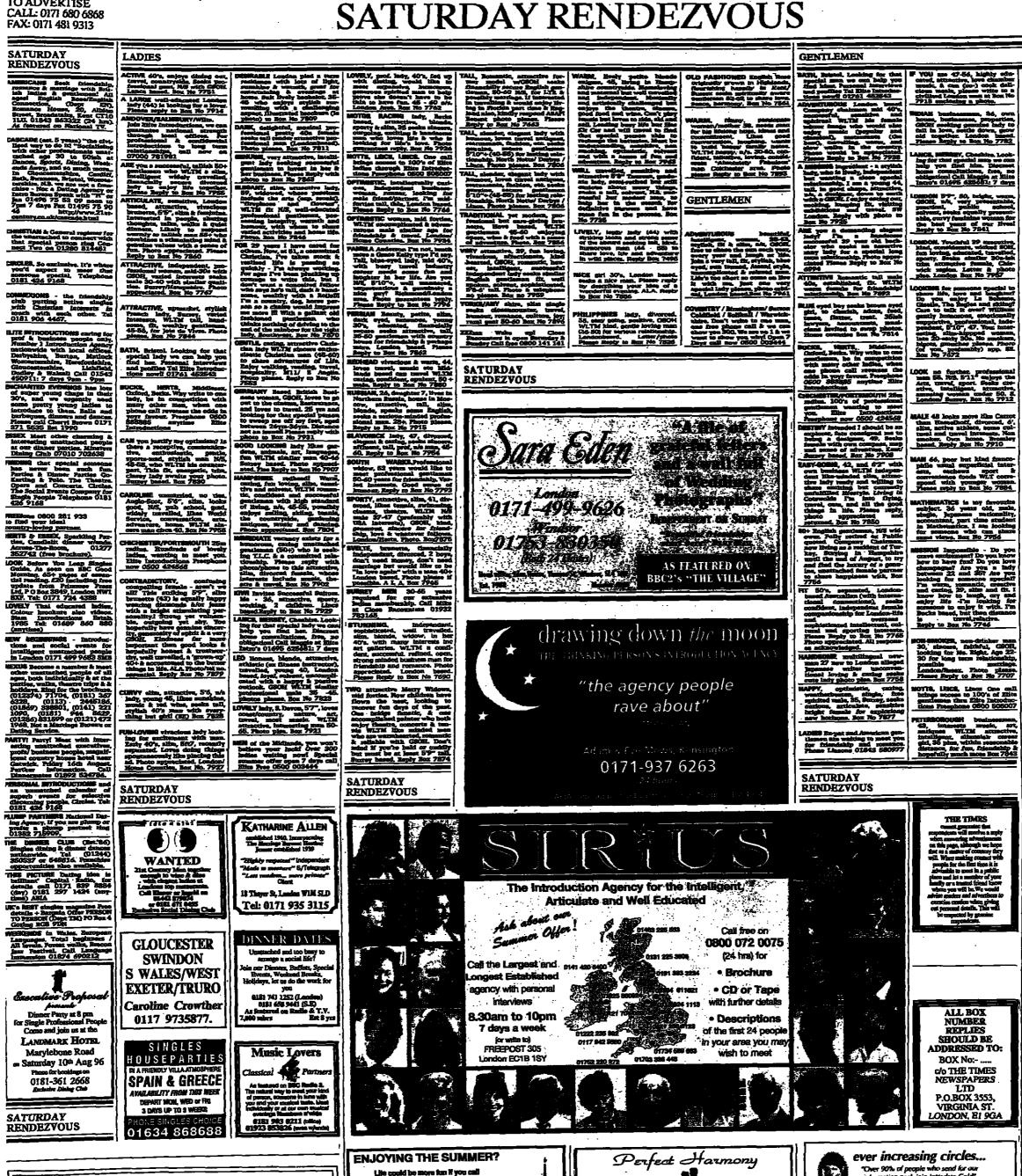
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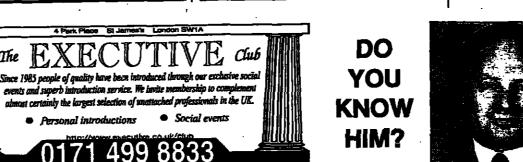
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I FELL with glee upon this gritty thriller. The cover of Stand By, Stand By—a grimy

man in combat-gear in front of

huge flames — is much the same as that of Chris Ryan's

SAS memoir, The One That Got Away. Here was the stuff

that would surely inspire me to abseil on a whim and to flash a .556 HK53 at any traffic

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eran of an escape from torture

in Iraq during the Gulf War. Now back in the countryside with wife and son, he is so

beset by nightmares that they

agree to separate for a while. She returns to her parents in

Belfast and is duly blown up,

the victim of an IRA bomb.

That is but a small part of the weaponry available to the narrator, Geordie Sharp, vet-

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those masterly first-person narratives, The Thirty-Nine

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#### **BOOKS**

Is this the moment for a translation from the Basque of a thriller sympathetic to the ETA armed struggle? Peter Millar thinks it is

#### IN THE aftermath of the Tarragona terrorist attack, Harvill must be having sec-ond thoughts about the timing of its publication of Bernardo Atxaga's excursion into the world of the ETA Basque

separatist movement. The Basque problem is rarely understood, or given much sympathy apart from in Libya and the ranks of the IRA. The Basque language, often glibly dismissed as "impenetrable". is one of Europe's most remarkable survivals and, like Finnish and Hungarian (with which it shares the unusual practice of forming the plural

in k), totally unrelated to the linguistic groups around it. Some understanding of its singularity may be gleaned from the fact that the original title of Bernardo Aixaga's book, The Lone Man, translated from the Spanish version, El Hombre Solo, was Gizona

Bere Bakardadean. But as so often with small nations, the language is a defining element, and the production of modern literature in it proof of continuing vibrancy. It is therefore wholly praiseworthy that Atxaga should have tackled the greatest issue facing the Basque

people: the merits and justifi-

cation of the continuing terror

campaign for independence

despite democracy and the

huge degree of autonomy

THE ROAD that spans the

open fields just north of Maisoncelles is a quiet coun-

try lane today. On a wet October morning, 580 years ago, the archers of Henry V

stood where the tarmac

stretches across the corn stub-

ble between Azincourt and

Tramecourt and flayed the

French knights with a hail of

arrows. From the site of the

old English battle line, re-

cient and modern, lie on every

side, each one a pointer to

what happened here, but the

only way really to understand

the battle of Agincourt is to explore the battlefield on foot.

Touring battlefields is a

popular bobby and Richard

Holmes, a former lecturer at

the Royal Military Academy

● EVELYN WAUGH once said that

irritability was his worst fault - "irrita-

bility with absolutely everything. Inani-

mate objects and people, animals,

anything". But a collection of The Savings

of Evelyn Waugh edited by Donat

shows that not all his epigrams were bad-tempered. What about: "The heavy port

drinker must be prepared to make some

sacrifice of personal beauty and agility"?

Or: "Everyone has always regarded any usage but his own as either barbarous or

pedantic"? However, there is a section of

allaher, coming soon from Duckworth,

By Bernardo Atxaga Harvill, E15.99

granted by Madrid since the death of Franco. The Lone Man is set just five years after the dictator's death, at a moment when the new Spain was determined to present a showcase to the

world, during the 1982 World Cup in Barcelona. The protagonists are an ageing group of former ETA men, grown disilwith the armed struggle and living a semicommunal existence in a hotel bought with the proceeds of

their last bank raids. They still talk in the old terms, refer to each other by old codenames, but their real

Tongue-tied with terror The tale is told essentially from Carlos's point of view, in the third person, at the centre of a closing police dragnet and passions are football, each

a web of multiple deceptions stretching from the present other's wives, the hotel waitback into his past. The diaresses and the fate of the logue — perhaps because of the double translation — is not group's one male offspring, a five-year-old boy named Pasas fluid as it might be, but cal. But two events throw their otherwise this is a spellbindcosy world into chaos. Their ing, sympathetic odyssey into hotel is chosen to put up the the mind of a former terrorist. Polish World Cup squad. com-Those currently involved in the profession will draw only plete with police protection. Meanwhile, Carlos, their onecold comfort from the ending. time leader and co-owner of

ETA terrorists.

the hotel, has secretly given

sanctuary to two still active

# **Nautical** cobbers in arms

Hard-bitten Aussies fight the Nazi navy in the Battle of the Atlantic

"THEY'RE all good blokes. They're the best, the cream, every bloody one of 'em." Bob Stack, a hard-bitten son of the Outback turned commander of a gun and torpedo-boat florilla, is proud of his boys. And he has good reason to be. It is early autumn, 1943, and Grand Admiral Doenitz is gathering his forces for a

further round in the Battle of the Atlantic. To this end, the Heilbronne, a former banana boat, has been refitted and armed as a supply vessel and is on its way from Le Havre to Brest and thence to the open sea. Can the Royal Navy coastal service sink it before it can begin its fiendish career? Well, how could they possi-

bly fail? Stack himself, grizzled before his time, is experienced and fearless. He really cares for his men but never loses sight of the job in hand. Ben Quarry, a fellow Australian. is his navigator - a man who wrestles about equally with his girlfriend and his

Stack and Quarry are dinkum cobbers who have done well out of the war. Stack has married his navigator's former girlfriend, the daughter of himself is hopelessly in love with a glamorous, half-French agent of the Special Operations Executive, determined to return to Rouen to help bring down the Bosch.

The villain, or anti-hero, of the piece is Mike Furneaux, an Old Etonian, "long-legged, dark and smoothly handsome", who, despite being Stack's number one torpedo man, insists on having an affair with his wife. Lady Joan, the spouse in question, is a "Free Fanny", an unpaid member of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, somewhat wayward by nature, who believes there are better ways of getting her pants off than HAWTREE | having them bored off her by a

**BAND OF BROTHERS** By Alexander Fullerton Little, Brown, £16.99 ISBN 0316879312

husband interested solely in marine mayhem.

For Quarry, the problem is, how can he tell his commanding officer and best mate that Lady J is no better than she ought to be? In the meantime, the Heilbronne is waiting. and as the mighty engines of the MTBs and MCBs churn up the Channel, we know we are in for one hell of a fight. So it proves. Fullerton cer-

tainly knows what it is like to be involved in action at sea and he gives it to us straight, with no punches pulled. The crews, with names such as Billy Bigarse, Banjo Bennet Soapy Leathers, are "characters" to a man, ready to sacrifice eyes, limbs, even



Fullerton: exciting yarn

lives in the service of king and country and still laugh about it afterwards (unless, of course, they are dead).

It is scarcely giving away the plot to disclose that this latest Fullerton yarn represents another one in the eve for the Führer at the hands of our boys. But it is enormously good fun and even, when it is intelligible, rather exciting. I enjoyed it.

Walter Ellis

#### TIMES BOOKS

THURSDAY Bernard Levin on Wagner: Nigel West

# Summoning up the blood

Waugh's feint with damned praise

**BOOK NEWS** 

● ALTHOUGH he won the Nobel Prize

for Literature last year, Seamus Heaney

has let his new book, The Spirit Level, go

on to the shortlist for the 1996 Forward

Prize for the best poetry collection, worth

£10,000. Greed or modesty? His rivals are

U. A. Fanthorpe, the first woman ever to be nominated as Oxford Professor of Poetry (though she did not get the joh).

John Fuller, son of Roy Fuller, and a don

at Magdalen College, Oxford, who has

been called by Peter Porter "the omni-

competent ringmaster of contemporary

poetry"; the clever Scotsman, W.N.

Herbert, and the Faber poet Charles

Kingly victory: Henry V at the battle of Agincourt — today the site north of Maisoncelles has reverted to farmland

■ WAR WALKS: From Agincourt to Normandy By Richard Holmes BBC Books, £16.99

Sandhurst and a Territorial Army brigadier, has chosen six western European battlefields, Agincourt (1415), Waterloo (1815) Mons and Le Cateau (1914), the Somme (1916), Arras (1940) and the Goodwood attack in Normandy in 1944 as suitable battlefields for foot-

powered exploration. Battles have expanded down the centuries and exploring the last two battlefields will require a but all the others lie within the grasp of a reasonably fit walker with anything from an afternoon to a couple of days to spare, an interest in military history and this useful and entertaining book.

Holmes makes the point that this is not a guidebook in the strict sense for it does not

contain details of where to eat and sleep. What it does offer is a clear account of the campaign leading to the battle, significant points about the soldiers, their weapons and the actual encounter, and a detailed tour of the battlefield today. The book is well illustrated, apart from some rather inadequate maps, but nevertheless this is all a traveller needs to enjoy a

The book will - or at least should - spur visitors to get out of the car or coach and experience these battlefields as the soldiers did long ago, with a certain amount of effort, and through the soles

ROBIN NEILLANDS

Bovie. Results on October 9, the eve of

THE goggle-cyed television comedian

Sean Hughes has written a novel, set -

where else? - in a small town outside

Dublin. The Detainees is about two men

who meet each other again after many

years. However, their reunion is not a

happy one. It reawakes memories of

builying and persecution - and it leads to

• MIXED news for Richard Ingrams. A

Times reader was looking for a copy of The Oldie on the WH Smith bookstall at

Charing Cross station. He found it - on

the shelf labelled "for older children".

some blackly comic revenge.

National Poetry Day.

#### of the truth CAST THE FIRST STONE By Jane Adams Macmillan, £15.99 ISBN 0 333 64425 5

CRIME ROUND-UP

**Abuse** 

ANGRY locals regularly gather to throw stones and shout abuse at the house in a quiet Norfolk close where Eric Pearson has brought his wife and six children. Rumours have spread about his perverted past; he denies them, and waits to reveal all when the appeal of a convicted child abuser reaches court.

A few houses away. Ellie Masouk, soon to give birth, watches the increasing violence with a particular, awful reason to be anxious and distressed. At the same time. not far away, a teenage boy undergoes a horrifying as-

The strands unite shockingly as Detective Inspector Mike Croft uncovers a series of disturbing truths. Cast the First Stone is a quiet, touching **Q**. work of great impact. Jane Adams subtly evokes an outwardly respectable society harbouring appalling secrets: and it is always the children who are the most vulnerable. Adams's debut last year. The Greenway hinted at a promising crime-writing tal-

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■ A TIMELY DEATH By Janet Neel Constable f 15 99 ISBN 0 09 476080 2

amply confirms that view.

ent, Cast the First Stone

IT HAS been three years since Janet Neel's last book: happity the gap has not blunted her skills. In A Timely Death, a crooked time-share salesman is found hanging, wearing women's underwear. The suspects include a son with a heavy drug habit, another son with a penchant for beating up his women, a much younger second wife (what is more, a foreigner), a dodgy business partner and a sleazy, greedy MP. Is the killing personal, or connected to the layers of fraud underlying the de-

ceased's business? Francesca Wilson, the DTI investigator heroine of Neel's previous novels, is drawn in through her voluntary work at a battered women's refuge. Her dourish husband, Chief Superintendent John Mc-Leish, is in charge of official inquiries. Between the two of them, though not without strain to their marriage, they confront the emotional and economic undercurrents of the

As usual, Neel's mix of lively financial skullduggery and superior characterisation results in top-class excitement.

FULL PERSONAL SERVICE By Charles Spencer Gollancz, F16 99 ISBN 0575062932

THE title Full Personal Service refers to one of the options available to clients of a brothel which, for the best possible motives, journalist Will Benson — having quit Theatre World for a far higher-paying job inventing the letters pages for the soft-porn mag Luv Bytes — is compelled to visit. The kind lady who had ministered to him is later attacked and detongued, leaving him with a tape containing customers' names, every one of them the possible malefactor.

The scruffy, chubby, disorganised Benson is a shrewd and amiable operator, the writing is from the self-deprecatingly witty school, and the book is altogether highly entertaining .

MARCEL BERLINS



#### "Sharp Sayings" that includes his bitter view of the trish - the adroit and joyless on spies; plus Ionathan ■ THE UNKINDEST CUT race that break the hearts of all who try to Mirsky on Hong Kong By Joe Queenan ISBN 0 330 34112 X The Times/Dillons Bestsellers

THE SUBTITLE reads, "How a hatchet-man critic made his own \$7,000 movie and put it all on his credit card". Hatchet-man is right: Joe Queenan admits to making his name writing sarcastic articles for America's Movieline magazine, "trashing movie stars without ever having to meet them". A healthy profession. Then he read an article trum-peting Robert Rodriguez, the maverick Tex-Mex director who scored a hit with his film El Mariachi, made, so the

myth insisted, for \$7,000. Queenan got to wondering. Could anyone else - he meant himself — pip this feat by making a watchable movie for \$6,998 dollars? Someone with no training other than having watched thousands of other people's movies? To find out, he flipped through various books, took a two-day course with the no-nonsense Dov Simens, wrote a black comedy script called Twelve Steps to Death (included herein), leant on family, friends and neighbours (sources of the cast). filmed the script in nine chaotic days, unveiled the results at the USA Film Festival in

Dallas, and wrote this book. Total cost to Queenan, including ancillary matters such as publicity, was \$65,193 dollars; and at the end of the day, he did not even have a film with a public future ("Slight. undernourished, only intermittently funny," said Variety). He had more success generating material for a comic book about the practicalities and lunatic accidents of no-

budget film-making, though he is prone to repetition, and you grow weary of page upon page of smart-ass cynicism about every human endeavour (his own included).

His script, a murder mys-tery parody, suffers the same faults. Despite funny lines, it is stifled by shallow banter at



Queenan: heartless jester

the expense of psychotherapy. dysfunctional people, "12-step" recovery programmes, the Catholic Church, and (most unpleasantly) the obese. Even if he had used Woody Allen's cast, it is hard to imagine Queegan's dialogue really singing on screen. Still, he got the film made, at a price; and you wonder with a shiver what new endeavour this heartless jester will document

GEOFF BROWN

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# Tosh @ cyber.sex

KATHERINE is 45, a suburban American housewife. She subscribes to the LuxNet Information Service, one of those computer systems which allows you to leave messages within specialist areas for other members, and joins LuxNet's Adult Topics Bullenn Board, where she becomes Katie and joins in the fun. And, oh, what fun they

have. Some nights they have theme parties where they all leave messages telling each other what 1970s clothing they are pretending to wear. Imagine the giggles! On other nights, they swap more mean-ingful messages in which Katie, abandoned beyond all imagining now, admits that she collects "handmade baskets of all kinds and have dozens on display in my house" or, more intimately still, that "I own a whimsical collection of pigs".

Katie starts corresponding privately with Buck, who is something in the oil business. and John, a medical man. Soon she is having online affairs with both of them. How can I describe Katie's online affairs? Only to tell you that while you are having one, you can only type with one hand.

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Every so often Katie swaps a confiding message with other members who are being beat-

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en by their real-life spouses or having weight problems. In the end, Katic's husband finds out what is happening and she stops doing it. End of story. As plot-lines go, I have seen Rupert the Bear comic

strips with more twists. Thus do we discover the disturbing world of sex on the Internet, a shady and dysfunc-tional place where prim women describe the sexual act as if it were a new form of flower arrangement and otherwise normal men describe wanton acts of auto-eroticism with all the punctuation in the right place. A tedious, plonk-ing world where irony is displayed not in a partici-pant's choice of words but by writing :-) for "grin" at the end of a sentence and where the major emotions are described

as if by a writer of the cheaper sort of condolence card. Sadly, it is a pretty accurate rendition of the prose style of the average Internet conversation and is yet another reason why you should have no fear about allowing your children to go online.

JOHN DIAMOND

Eschews introspection: Margaret Thatcher (1981)

MARGARET The Path to Power HarperCollins, £9.99 ISBN 0 00 688 753 5 AS THE memoirs of a British Prime Minister, The Path to Power could not have failed to be an important, if

not impressive document, Recounting her Grantham childhood, her years at Oxford, and rise through the ranks until her election victory as Conservative leader in 1979, they form a prequel to the already-published Downing Street Years. Certainly, Thatcher provides an enormous wealth of detail here to keep political historians busy particularly regarding her unease in the Heath cabinet, and the Conservative rethink that occupied her years as opposition

leader. No real surprises

then a number of unexpected turns: the reading lists, for instance, that she describes as shaping her political development, or (more quirkily) the tone of near compassion in relating the fall of Heath (always "Ted", only once "Edward"), a good word for Michael Foot, a flash of generosity towards Attlee. The second section off the book - part analysis, part manifesto - takes up the story after leaving Downing Street, and lays out the 1990s Thatcherite line on European Union, foreign policy, economic policy and international relations. Uncannily for a memoir, The Path To Power maintains throughout a guarded, distantly analytical tone. Any search for personal revelation or insight here is in vain. This is the memoir of somebody who eschews introspection.



■ INTIMACY By Julian Rathbone Indigo, £5.99

ISBŇ 0 575 400 19 6 THE Villa Melchor in Andaries. The home of the last castrato singer Querubino, it is heavy, not only with the scents and sounds of southern Spain (wonderfully and. sensuously described) but also with a mysterious sexuality which could be real or fantasy. Querubino, now in his eighnes, dreams of a sexual relationship with his mother: Petra, his pupil, remembers seducing her father and finds herself now in love with Marie-Elena. But this novel's subtle exploration of sexual identity is expressed through powerful details of food, music and natural beauty. The result can be confusing but is

ISBN 0 330.344 50 I LEE HARVEY OSWALD (or whoever) failed to kill JFK. Marilyn failed to kill herself. Can we imagine them elderly — it is quite a thought. This satire takes us into the private lives of presidents, special agents, cops, and film-stars on the thirtieth anniversary of that near-miss at Dallas. Will there be another assassination? What is the biographer up to? Watch for the thrills and spills in this novel. which plays games with both pen and bullet.

■ IDLEWILD

Picador, £5.99

By Mark Lawson

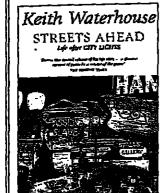
SKINNED ALIVE By Edmund White

ISBN 0 330 334 10 7 WHITE seems to run the whole gamut of gay experi-ence in this collection of sophisticated, emotionally complex stories. many of them haunted by the shadow of Aids. A gay teenager wrestles with his urges on a tough-guy canoeing trip; an American writer in Paris falls in love with an aristo-cratic sadist; a middle-aged New Yorker, mourning his parmer who has died of Aids, finds consolation with a simple Greek boy; a oncepromiscuous American loses his fastidious German lover when he discovers he is HIV positive. Fluent, startling

and candid tales.

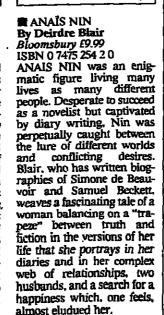
always evocative. THE CHRISTENING, By Denise Neuhaus Faber, £6.99, ISBN 0571174671

THIRTY years and more of Cold War history are brought to vivid life in this absorbing story of an Estonian family caught in the Crossfire. Teenage Piret loses her baby to a cousin who emigrates to Sweden. Taking refuge in the abstractions of Marxist economic theory. Piret finds herself and her extended family used to discredit a dissident professor. Denise Neuhaus reveals the history of her characters with clarity, endowing her narrative with precise imaginative insight into ordinary lives on both sides of the political borderland. A chilling theme but an enchanting novel.



STREETS AHEAD By Keith Waterhouse Sceptre, E6.99

ISBN 0 340 649 09 7
THIS entertaining, colourful second volume of memoirs brings us up to date. Never coyly modest. Waterhouse surveys the on-going phe-nomenal success of Jeffery Bernard Is Unwell and his guide to tabloidese. But real fun is in his vivid portrait of London in the Fifties and Sixties. We see him as a flailing new hack in eccentric old Fleet Street then, as the, hit author of Billy Liar; trawling the pubs and clubs of seedy, starry Soho. This is not a delving confessional but is full of fantastic anecdotes, memorably including Peter O'Toole reeling onto stage and throwing up in



Contributors: Adam Schwartzman, Lucy Lethbridge, Alison Burns, Nicki Household, Kate Bassett, Amanda Loose.

# The king Rat's tardy tale

Martin Bell on the unpunctual memoirs of a Gulf War general

THE PRINCIPAL qualities of a British cavalry officer — of which charm and guile are the ones they attribute to themselves - do not usually include punctuality. Even so, Patrick Cordingley is spectac-ularly late on parade with his memoir of the Gulf War. It was a short war with a long preamble, which he himself helped to bring to a successful conclusion more than five

years ago. As commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, heirs of the Desert Rats, he led British tanks in action for the first time in two generations. It was, to his great relief, very much less than the promised Mother of all Battles; rather, it was a 100-hour dash across the desert, and a live fire exercise with Iraqi extras surrendering by the thousand. His record of it, which is lively and personal and well-remembered, will interest many others besides the soldiers who served under him.

It suffers, as do all books by serving soldiers, from the censorship or pre-emptive selfcensorship required by the Ministry of Defence. It follows from this that commanders must be faultless and their political directives flawless. So some of the subtler judgments are deeply encoded. But the passage of time has allowed more frankness than would have been possible in a more immediate account.

In an Army that tends to promote managers rather than leaders, Cordingley was, and is, an old-fashioned lead-er, and not airaid to question the wisdom of his superiors. Under the original battle plan, his brigade would have gone to war alongside the US Marines in a frontal, if diverthe Marines and they to him; portive of the military.

■ IN THE EYE OF THE STORM
By Major General Patrick Cordingley Hodder & Stoughton, £18.99 ISBN 0340682450

and when he assured them in the distinctive upper-class tones of a British cavalry officer that "the Desert Rats will not let you down". he seemed the ultimate general from Central Casting. So the change of plan, when his tanks and armoured infantry were switched to the US Army's VII Corps further west, was not a popular move. "Politically." he writes, "we would have gained most glory if we had been involved in the liberation of Kuwait City

Typically for a soldier, he frets too much about the press. "I worry now," he says, "as I did then about the effects of the media on modern warfare." But as one of the scribesin-uniform who served under him, I remember that the military exercised total control. The censorship was so strict that we were not allowed even to write about the work of army chaplains (I was reduced to describing them as

Yet the general was actually

welfare officers.)

protected by his closeness to the press. He recalls President Bush's visit to the troops in the desert on the day of Mrs Thatcher's resignation. When Kate Adie asked for his reaction, he spoke candidly about his admiration for the Prime Minister and his sadness at her going - remarks which, if broadcast, might well have cost him his job. Adie lost the tape and warned him to be more careful. Others might sionary, attack on the tragis in lucky that day that the pool Kuwait City. He warmed to reporter was someone so supThere was less to James Dean's life than meets the eye



Too young to die: James Dean - but could his reputation have survived a long career?

# Rebel without a past

JAMES DEAN lived just 24 years before dying at the wheel of his Porsche Spyder. It was, as the old joke goes, a perfect career move. His death embalmed him as America's first bolshie teenager, the archetypal anguished adolescent, the rebel without a cause. All those young dudes who followed - River Phoenix, Kurt Cobain, Sid Vicious — died in the long shadow of Jimmy Dean.

Few movie lives have left such a bold mark in so little time. The Dean myth is founded upon just three films and scraps of television work, which sets the biographer a dilemma. With such a brief life to explore, the making of the image becomes all important.

The construction of James Dean begins with Dean the child. Spoto rakes over the ground here and comes up with little of interest. Most children, after all, lead humdrum lives. He became the King of the Wannabes. Few young actors have so yearned to be a star. And not just any star. He had Marlon Brando and Montgomery Clift in mind. The breakthrough nen nis entanc obscreen we and na of his father were brilliantly harnessed by Elia. Kazan (East of Eden), Nicholas Ray (Rebell Without a Cause) and George Stevens (Giant).

■ REBEL: The Life and Legend of James Dean By Donald Spoto HarperCollins, £18 ISBN 0 00 255687 1

Then came violent death and the varnishing of the Dean legend: posthumous revelations about his homosexuality and masochism added spice to his troubled on-screen persona. All this is familiar, which leaves Spoto

scrabbling around proving negatives. Yes, Dean was gay. Yes, he lived with an older man. But there is no hard evidence that he was a hustler. Nor that he was the "Human Ashtray" of some lurid biographies. So, Spoto con-cludes, Dean was less interesting than we thought — hardly a popular message.

Dean was a chimera whose reputation

might not have survived a long career. (Alas, poor Brando; imagine if he had died after The Wild One.) Trying to get at "the truth" about such an elusive character strikes at the heart of biography. No biographer can really know his whether Spoto understood Dean at all.

NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT

#### You can't have your popcorn and eat it, Ben

ON THE night that cult Los Angeles movie director Bruce Delamitri returns home from winning an Oscar for his gratuitously violent high-art movie Ordinary Americans. he finds a pair of real-life psychopaths in his living room. The "Mall Murderers", Wayne Hudson and his pretty waif-like girlfriend Scout, have seen every one of Delamitri's movies countless times. They have also casually murdered about 50 people between them, sometimes just for kicks. Killing makes Wayne horny, and Scout adores the way he terrifies their chance-encountered targets with his tough talk and his guns.

Ben Elton's new novel Popcorn, his fourth, is a parable of our contemporary media-

By Ben Elton Simon & Schuster, £12.99 ISBN 0 684 81612 1 .

dominated society. Like his stand-up television comedy routines, it satirises the selfregarding, manipulative, vain and greedy world of minor celebrities, their conveniently flexible principles and values, and the troubling control they appear to hold over the way we all conduct our lives. Any resemblance between Popcorn

and Oliver Stone's Natural Born Killers, between Del-amitri and Tarantino, is entirely deliberate. This is a pop novel with a corny plot because Elton's target is the tawdry claims to high seriousness and art status made by



Elton: pop novel, corny plot

Hollywood directors to justify graphic scenes of bullets smashing into human flesh, and guts all over our screens. Wayne and Scout know that the crucial question under debate is whether screen vio-

lence has influenced them. Now, to save their skins, they want Delamitri to tell the world that 'they were not responsible for their appalling acts - that they were helpless victims of a multimillion-dollar industry. And Elton teases us with an impossible choice between laying blame for the carnage he depicts at the feet of the chillingly clear-headed and yet lunatic killers or at those of the lying and cheating

media celebrities.

The trouble is that Elton's story, with its double narra-tion of unspeakable violence once for real, and once replayed in a sickeningly precise screenplay version - mimics the very forms the author claims to despise. Popcorn is itself pulp fiction — stuffed

with salacious sex and loving-ly described acts of brutality. Elton seems to suggest that in Popcorn these incidents are made ironic and postmodern. But isn't that precisely what Kubrick, Stone and Tarantino told us about their movies?

LISA JARDINE

#### Suburban gaze that chills to the bone

ITHE MASTERPIECES OF SHIRLEY JACKSON Introduced by Donna Tartt Raven Books, £7.99p ISBN 1854874373

MEET Mrs Walpole. "Mrs Walpole, with an eye on the clock and the other on the kitchen window past which the school bus would come in a matter of minutes, felt the unreasonable irritation that comes with being late on a

school morning,"
Meet Mrs Wilson. "Mrs Wilson was just taking the gingerbread out of the oven when she heard Johnny out-

side, talking to someone."

Meet the two Mrs Winnings and their new neighbour, Mrs MacLane. Everyday people with ordinary — not to say dull - lives: what could possi-bly be of interest here?

But these are surely Shirley Jackson's people, and the sunny surface of her suburban world hides a terrible darkness at its heart.

Jackson, who died in 1965, shocked contented, postwar America when her story, The Lottery, was published in the New Yorker in 1949. This tale about a traditional small-town festival - it would be a shame to tell you more - provoked a rash of cancelled subscriptions and outraged letters and it still has the power to appal.

Jackson's gift is her ability to create a precise, familiar world that hulls the reader into acceptance: her denouements are horrifying not because they are weirdly supernatural or repulsively gory but because the reader's sympathy turns the horror inward upon herself.

This is particularly true of stories such as After You, My Dear Alphonse and Flower Garden, in which a bitter, unspoken racism is the demon delineated. It is perfectly fitting that the epilogue to these tales is the Child Ballot, the Daemon Lover, in which the face of happiness is revealed as a devilish mask.

The two novels collected in this volume, The Haunting of Hill House and We Have vs Livea in the Castle have a more supernatural ring than her stories: it is no wonder that Stephen King is an admirer. Her characters are bleakly, blackly defined: "Eleanor Vance was 32 years old when she came to Hill House. The only person in the world she genuinely hated, now that her mother was dead, was her sister."

This collection will introduce British readers to the very particular spinal shiver of this American writer's tales: keep your nightlight burning if you read it in bed.

ERICA WAGNER

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# TEENAGE FICTION

#### Whiteknuckle read

ANYONE planning to take

one of those stomach-churn-

ing rides at a theme park should read Helen Dunmore's dramatic thriller, Fatal Error (Corgi, E3.50, ISBN 0 440 863457), after their trip, rather than before. Living with the Damianos, designers of com-puter-driven rides, Nicky has more than her fair share of thrills. She can inspect a jungle of stars from the powerful Space Ranger whenever she is not too busy selling tickets. But computer whizzes such as the Damianos apparently have their rivals and, when competitors turn to sabotage, Nicky finds herself whirling endlessly in simulated space while rapidly running out of air.

Having recently won the new Orange prize for Worn-en's Fiction, Helen Dunmore has done an impressive switch into the mind and dialogue of an adolescent girl. If there were an award for transfixing, tumultuous excitement, this would be a winner.

Awards can be a useful resource when picking and choosing between the 6,000 or so books published every year for young readers, but the WH.



Dunmore: transfixing

Smith Mind-Boggling Books Award is a strange affair. Designed to help "make reading fun" with the shortlist apparently chosen by school-children, the snag is that however acute the young judges, the paperbacks put into their hands inevitably raise questions. Why, for instance were two

books chosen, including the acquired-taste winner, Walk ISBN 0 7497 2602 4), which, however magical, was first published a mind-boggling 32 years ago? The answer, which seems to be that all have previously won other awards. hardly makes them the best books of 1996.

### Who we did on our holidays

out at some time, holidays can seriously damage your emo-tional health. Cut loose from the routines of household maintenance and office drudgery, holidaymakers have the dubious pleasure of time on their hands, time that can be used to ruminate poisonously on the disintegrations of a marriage or the shortcomings of growing children.

Ann Oakley, who has a sound literary reputation for

the tart examination of domestic frailty — she is the author of The Men's Room and Marilda's Mistake, both of which make no bones about the precarious nature of commitment — turns her attention here to the havoc wreaked by blue skies, cheap booze and unfamiliar bodies squeezed

into bikinis. Assembled at the Hotel Rhapsody Palas in Karput in Turkey in the blazing summer of 1992, courtesy of a package tour operated by Proper Holidays, is a group of men, women and children, of whom many have an urge to shed their inhibitions along with their travelling clothes. Crispin Delancey and his

wife Dodo are former flower children, although the years, and parenthood, have brought MAUREEN OWEN | them to membership of the

AS MOST people have found A PROPER HOLIDAY By Ann Oakley Flamingo, E5.99 ISBN 0 00 65014 2

> mortgaged salariat. Their teenage daughters. Star and Jade, are going through that Doc Martens/purple hair stage that parents find so unendearing. The children of Derrick and Lisa Upton and Sandy and Martin Holbeach similarly look like trouble; while Aaron Shaw, the son of a single mother, Meg, is the sort of teenager — polite, studious and interested in archaeology - of whom adults approve.

> While the rebellious young tangle dangerously with drugs drink and the local talent, their parents become more threateningly entwined in extramarital liaisons. Oak-ley describes with brisk gusto the sheer exhaustion of marriage; the grudging sex and unconscious but cruel lack of mutual concern. Yet, by the end, wandering spouses have realised that holiday romances, like shells, do not look so pretty once you take them home. A Proper Holiday makes you think a little and smile a lot, which qualifies it for proper holiday reading.

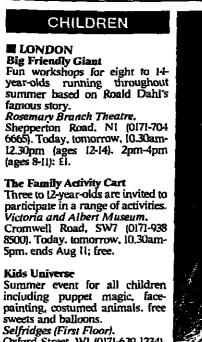
> > PENNY PERRICK

**GOING OUT** 

The Big Five, Forget the

The Eagles, Kenny Wayne Shepherd Adult-orientated rock giants of the 1970s, with crowd-pleasing line-up. Wembley Stadium, Empire Way, HA9 (0181-900 1234). Today, 4pm;

Hammond organ and



5pm. ends Aug 11; free. **Kids Universe** Summer event for all children including puppet magic, face-painting, costumed animals, free sweets and balloons. Selfridges (First Floor) Oxford Street, WI (0171-629 1234). Today, midday-6pm; phone for

CHILDREN

famous story.

Rosemary Branch Theatre,

The Family Activity Cart

Poems to Read to Your Parents Seven-year-olds and above are invited to join in and watch a funpacked event including poetry

readings, music and dance. Battersea Arts Centre. Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tomorrow, 2.30pm; parents cones £2.50.

#### ■ REGIONAL

BELFAST The Portrush Fiver Steam train excursion devised for youngsters and parents alike journeying from Belfast to Portrush

Belfast Central Railway Station, (01960 353 567). Today, departs Belfast 9.05am, arrives Portrush midday; departs Portrush 4,45pm. arrives Belfast 7.30pm; E15, cones f9 (booking: 01960 344 566 or fax 01960 350 350).



London. Kids Universe: the magic of face-painting is just one of the many treats in store today at Selfridges in Oxford Street

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Featuring Kate O'Mara as the evil queen, plus songs, jokes, and plenty of magic.

Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street (01232 241 919). Tonight, 7pm, mat, 2.30pm; E5-E10, family conc available.

Eel Fest Focusing on the slippery sea snake with fisherfolk tales, refreshments, together with a range of

activities in this marine adventure. Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Oxford Island (0)762 322 205). Today. 2pm-7pm:

prices vary, phone for details. NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Specially devised for the under fives, including art, toys and Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place (0191-232 7734). Today, 10am-5pm. tomorrow, 2pm-5pm; free.

ing interactive learning facilities. Discovery Museum, Blandford Square (0191-232 6789). Today, 10am-5pm; free.

Summer Fun in Salford

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ages including sporting events, play scheme and a reading quest. Summer in Salford Information.

various venues (0161-736 9448).

Outdoor fun for children of all

Today, tomorrow, times vary, Science centre for children includphone for details; free.

> WICKLOW Wicklow Town Guinness Regatta Festival Family festival with a special

DENIZIL MONEELANCE

focus today on events for children, activities include a magic show and open-air treasure hunt. Town Centre and Riverside. (00353 404 68117). Today, 10am-9pm; free, tomorrow, festival for the family continues, phone for

7.30pm; E+£18.

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the "Last Night of the Proms" An all-American first half

(0171-589 8212). Tomorrow,

Who Has Set Thy Glory, plus

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JAZZ

Jam Session #4 All-star Acid Jazz jam featuring Hammond wizard James Taylor, soul diva Dee C. Lee, Brand New Heavies guitarist Simon Bartholomew, Mother Earth bassist Neil Corcoran. Jazz Cafe, Parkway, NWI (0171-344

0044). Tomorrow, 7pm; E8.

Lee Konitz Quintet Chicago-born titan of bebop. whose cerebral alto styles have graced Gerry Mulligan, Stan Kenton, Miles Davis and Chet Baker recordings. The Rhythmic. Chapel Market. NI (0171-713 5859). Tonight, 8pm: £10.

Byron Wallen/Duncan Mackay and the Vortex Ouartet

Streetwise fusion trumpeter Wallen and mainstream Britjazzer Mackay open the Vortex Trumpet Festival, with John Paricelli and Huw Warren's house band. Vortex. Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 (0171-254 6516).

Tonight, 8pm; £7.50. CRITIC'S CHOICE

MOSE ALLISON A musician's musician. Mose Allison is the subject of a new tribute album by Van Morrison. out next month (September 16). In the meantime, the Mississippi-born singer-songwriter unfurls his idiosyncratic songs and equally off-beat piano solos in his residency at the newly refurbished and re-named Pizza. Express Jazz Club.

CLIVE DAVIS Pizza Express, Dean Street, London WI (0171-439 8722). Tonight, from



featuring soul diva Dee C. Lee

■ REGIONAL GLASGOW

Craig McMurdo and the Swing Kings Lounge lizard plays Sinatra, Bacharach and Louis Prima. Bourbon Street. George Street (0141-552 0141). Tonight, 9pm; free.

HULL International Jazz Festival Featuring trumpeter Guy Barker's International Quintet (5pm), plus streetwise American tenorist Jean Toussaint who features trumpeter Byron Wallen and guitarist Tony Remy (8pm). Royal Hotel, Ferensway (01482 226 055). Tomorrow, £7; £5, concs £3 for

OXFORD Jon Corbett/Steven Done. Peter McPhail/Tony Moore Improvised music duets for trumpet and guitar, plus a sax and cello pairing.

Holywell Music Room. Holywell Street (01865 261 384). Tomorrow, 8.30pm; £5.

8pm concert only.

#### POP

Atilla the Stockbroker's Post-punk performance poet's medieval pet project. Newington Green Road, NI (0171-226 6911). Tonight,

Ska revival supergroup featuring former Belle Stars. Bad Manners and more. Mean Fiddler, Harlesden High Street. NW10 (0181-961 5490). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

Otis Grand brass section for the blues Half Moon. Lower Richmond Road. SW15 (0181-780 9383). Tonight, 8.30pm; £5.

**CRAIGAVON** 



Loch Lomond: Oasis

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Highgate Road, NW5 (0171-344 0044). Tomorrow,

7pm; £17.50. ■ REGIONAL ASHFORD Jools Holland and His

The Forum.

Rhythm and Blues urcuestra Boogie-woogie's highest profile enthusiast with his 15piece R & B troupe.

South Park, Stour Centre,

(01323 61) 204). Tonight; BASILDON Smailtown Heroes From the large town of Sunderland, promoting their new album, Human Soup. Towngate Theatre. Pagel Mead (01268 531

343). Tonight, 8pm; £3.50.

CRITIC'S CHOICE DODGY

Their new single, Good Enough, sounds like Squeeze on uppers. But whether Dodgy's hyperactive pop sound gets under your skin or on your nerves, the trio from London certainly has a way of making things happen. This summer they will be coming to a park near you with their travelling "Big Top" show, complete with various guest bands and added attractions including tightrope walkers. acrobats, jugglers and per-formers on stilts. Remarkably, the group plays Tuzia (Aug 9) and Sarajevo (Aug 10) in Bosnia as part of Artists Convoy for a United Bosnia. but you can catch up with the fun closer to home this week-end, at Derby and Oldham. DAVID SINCLAIR

Markeaton Park (in the Big Top with the Candyskins), Derby (01332 255 800). Tonight, 7.30pm; £11.50. Werneth Park (outdoors with Audioweb - no tent). Oldham (0161-911 4072). Tomorrow, noon-7pm, free.

**EDINBURGH** The Eagles, Kenny Wayne Shepherd See London.

Murrayfield Stadium,
(0131-557 6969). Tomorrow,
5pm; £28.50.

**LOCH LOMOND** Oasis One of the Summer's biggest concerts, the Gallagher Brit-rock juggernaut rumbles on. Balloch Castle, (0800 614 595). Today, tomorrow, midday; phone for availability.

RUSHTON Sundaze Festival Rock festival with Scrap Iron Scientists, Crazyhead, Stranger Tractors, Draw, Konnfusion, Heliotrope and Babyface. Rushton Hall

(01536 710 002). Tomorrow. midday; £6. STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Stockton Riverside Festival TiP, the Rye, Windjammer, the Haoles, Caravanserai (today), Fun-Da-Mental, Sally Nyolo, Akwaaba People, Sonora La Calle (tonight). Blues in the Afternoon (tomorrow afternoon). Pichi Valdes, Edward II, Rock Salt and Nails, Voice of the North (tomorrow evening). Riverside Festival, Music

Main Stage, Trinity Church Grounds (016-12 611 625). Today. midday and 7pm; iomorrow. midday 5.30pm; free. SUTTON

Earth Energy Music Dance All-Dayers featuring Orbital, Mad Professor, Jah Wobble. Nightmares on Wax, Spooky (today); Soul All-Dayer with LV, Mica Paris, Alison Limerick, Truce, Pauline Henry (tomorrow). Beddington Park. Wallington (01273 705 060). Today. tomorrow. lpm; £17 (today), £15 (tomorrow).

#### **GALLERIES**

**■ LONDON** Georg Baselitz Neo-Expressionist paintings by this German artist. Goethe Institut, Princes Gate. Exhibition Road, SW7 (0171-411 3400). Today, 9.30am-12.30pm: admission free.

Larry Clark from his film, Kids. Photographers' Gallery Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-831 1772). Today, llam-opm; free.

Work by Dan Graham, Victor Burgin, John Hilliard and Rodney Graham. Lisson Gallery, Lisson Street, NWI (0171-724 2739). Today. (Oam-5pm; admission free.

Inside Bankside Contemporary work by Thomas Struth, Catherine Yass and Dennis Creffield. South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road, SE5 (017)-703 6120). Today, tomorrow, 2pm-ópm; free.

The Open Open submission show featuring the work of more than 100 artists. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, EI (0171-522 7888). Today, tomorrow. Ilam-5pm; free. **REGIONAL** 

BRADFORD Penn on Penn Large scale retrospective of Irving Penn's photographs, selected by himself. National Museum of Photography, Film and Pictureville (01274 727 488). Today, tomorrow, 10.30amCRITIC'S CHOICE

KENNETH ARMITAGE One by one the school of exciting young sculptors who first achieved fame at the time of the Festival of Britain are turning 80, and so by definition into Grand Old Men. But somehow the description seems curiously wide of the mark when applied to Kenneth Armitage, whose eightieth birthday is being duly celebrated in Yorkshire Sculpture Park with a retrospective, Although his carliest sculptures now look "fiftyish", his latest works belong equally clearly to today. Armitage has never let himself be tied down to a formula, but folhis choice of subject and materials. Fashioned in an attitude of pleasure and playfulness", his reflections on trees and men are thoroughly serious, and the greatest fun.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bretton Hall. West Bretton, Wakefield, West Yorks (01924 830 302). Today and tomorrow. 10am-6pm; free.

CARLISLE Andy Goldsworthy Collection of the artist's drawings featuring recent site-specific proposals. Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Street (01228 34781). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, midday-5pm; free.

Piccadilly, WI (0171-437 5053). Tonight, 7.30pm. **EDINBURGH** George Rodger **European Union Youth** Unmissable African Orchestra/Davis Photographs from the late Elgar's Enigma Variations, Strauss's Don master of photojournalism. Royal Scottish Academy, The Mound (0131-225 Juan and Sibelius's Second Symphony. 6671). Today, 10am-5pm, Albert Hall. tomorrow, 2pm-5pm; £4, cones £2.50. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm; £4-£23.



Edinburgh: George Rodger NOTTINGHAM Sokari Douglas Camp An exhibition by the acclaimed sculptor, including eight new works.

Angel Row Gallery, Angel Row (0115 947 6334). Opens today, Ilam-6pm; admission free. OXFORD Scream and Scream Again

Group show exploring the

use of the moving image in

Pembroke Street (01865 722

opm; £2.50, cones £1.50.

art practice, including

979). Tonight, 8pm: £10-£15. OXFORD Oxford Company of work by Douglas Gordon and Sadie Benning. Museum of Modern Art. Musicians Featuring Schubert's String trio movement.
Holywell Music Room, 733). Today, tomorrow, Ilam-Holywell Street (01865 261 384). Tonight. 8pm; £8.

#### CLASSICAL **FILMS**

LONDON Films in London and BBC Symphony Orchestra/Slatkin (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release A programme of American across the country music, including John ■ NEW RELEASES Adams's Violin Concerto (soloist Ernst Kovacic) and Blood Simple (18) Copland's Organ Welcome revival of the

Symphony (with Simon Coen brothers' debut feature. Preston), plus works by With John Getz and ives and Ellington's Harlem. Francis McDormand. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7

Gate (0171-727 4043) Renoir (0171-837 8402) Ritzv (0171-737 2121) Screen on (0171-589 8213). Tomorrow, the Hill (0171-435 3366) Virgin Haymarket (0171-839 1527)

◆ Flipper (PG) A surly teenager develops a relationship with a dolphin. Unimaginative family film, with Elijah Wood and Paul Hogan. Director. Alan Shapiro. Odeon Swiss Cottage Odeon SWIS Collage (01426 914 098) Plaza (0990 888990) UCI Whiteleys (0990 888 990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Warner (0171-437 4343)

CRITIC'S CHOICE

◆ JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH (U) Mistreated James finds his feet in an oversize peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent version of Roald Dahl's first book for children, made with the stop-motion animation technique by the team behind The Nightmare Before Christmas. Director, Henry Selick.

GEOFF BROWN
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Gate (0171-727 4043) Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) Swiss Cottage (0171-586 3057) West End (01426-915 574) Phoenix (0181-883 2233) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Baker Street (0171-935 2772) L/C1 Whiteleys (0171-792 3332) Virgin Chelsea (0171-352 5096)

La Regie du Jeu (PG) New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio. Riverside (0181-748 3354) **CURRENT** 

◆ The Hunchback of Noire Dame (U) Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise. Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Odeons: Kensington (0) 426 914666) Leicester Square (01426-915 683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 50%) Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Warner (0171-437 4343)

♦ Mission: Impossible Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this enjoyable revival of the television series. ABC Tottenham Court

Road (0171-636 6148) Empire (0990 888 990) MGM

Trocadero ( (0171-434 0031)

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 Rainbow (PG) Perils of voyaging over the rainbow. Oddball fantasy with an ecological twist from director-star Bob Hoskins. With Jacob Tierney, Willy Lavendal. Warner (0171-437 4343)

◆ The Rock (18) Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage and Sean Connery. Director, Michael Bay. Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Odeons: Kensington (01426) 914006) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) West End (01426 915574) LICI Whiteleys 🕲 (0990 888 990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Fulham Road (0171-370



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New release: Flipper

◆ The Truth about Cats and Dogs (15) Romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman and Ben Chaplin. Michael Lehmann directs.
ABC Tottenham Court
Road (0171-636 6148) Odeon
Kensington (01426-914 666) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen on Baker Street (0171-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888990) Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Warner (0171-437 4343)

◆ Twister (PG) Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Barbican (0171-638 8891) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Empire (0990) 888990) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Trocadero (0171-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (5) (0171-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Plaza (01990 888990) Ría (0171-254 6677) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Green (0171-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (2) (0990) 888990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

#### GOING OUT

#### COMEDY

■ LONDON Back 2 Back - lan Stone and Mark Maier Two of the best Edinburgh preview shows: "The Cheek of Ian Stone" and "Get Off with Mark Maier". Purcell Room. South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-900 4242). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £8. cones £6.

#### CRITIC'S CHOICE

SHORT BAC AND SIDES Battersea Arts Centre is once again the place to be for the last big week of warm-ups before the Edinburgh Festival, Tonight or tomorrow you can cram in the gossipy Girls with Big Jests, Owen O'Neill remembering his childhood in Co Tyrone, and the perky lad Paul Tonkinson. Also, tonight only, the Emmy award-winning American stand-up Rich Hall. Later in the week, veteran Arnold Brown. Mark Thomas and Jeff Green, the bloke with cute sparkle.

KATE BASSETT Battersea Arts Centre. 176 Lavender Hill, Battersea (0171-223 2223). Call for details.

Comedy Store: Best in Stand-Ùp

This evening's comedy line-up includes Rhona Cameron. Boothby Graffoe, Jo Caulfield and Sean Percival. Lee Hurst MCs.

Comedy Store. Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426) 914 433). Tonight. Spm and midnight: £10.

**Comedy Store Players** Television-friendly line-up with Lee Simpson, Josie Lawrence, Paul Merton, Richard Vranch, Jim Sweeney and Neil Mullarkey.



Lee Evans, the star of Funny Bones, indulges in further face-pulling antics at the Gielgud Theatre Stand: tomorrow, Hpm: 55.

Comedy Store, Oxendon Street, SW1 (01426-914433). Tomorrow, Spm: E10.

East Dulwich Tavern: Edinburgh Preview Featuring Mark Maier's assertive "Get Off" techniques and the Wow Show with "The Trials of the Wow Show". East Dulwich Tavern,

Lordship Lane, SE22 (0181-200) 4138). Tonight, 9pm; £5,

Gigglefest - Edinburgh Preview Season Adam Bloom, plus Andrew Pine's mind candy. The Hen and Chickens Theatre Bar, St Paul's Road, NI (017)-704 2001). Tonight, Spm. (Andrew Pipe) 9.30pm (Andrew Bloom); 55 per performance, cones £4.

Lee Evans Star of Funny Bones in further face-pulling antics. Gielgud Theatre. Shaficsbury Avenue, WI (0171-494 5005). Tomorrow, 8pm; £7.50-

Ha Bloody Ha under rarpaulin cover in Walnole Park Festival Tent at Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, W5 (0181-566) 4067). Tonight, 8.30pm: £7. **■ REGIONAL** 

The annual chuckle time with

Lark in the Park

CHESTER Alexander's Comedy Les Keen, Roger Monkhouse and the Moira Stewart Brothers. Alexander's Jazz Cafe Bar. Rufus Court (01244 340005/313400). Tonight, 9pm: 55.

**EDINBURGH** McBrier and MacKay: Nothing to Lose But Your Ankle Chains
With comic double duo Martha McBrier and Jane

Mackay. Christie's. West Port, Grassmarket (013)-229 4553). Tomorrow, 8.30pm: £4. concs £3.

Hovis Presley: Poetic Off-

Home-baked flavoured comedy from the would-be king. The Stand Dylan Moran, Jane Mackay and Reg Anderson. The Moscow Bar. 6 South St David Street (0131-556 6375). Presley: tomorrow. 7.30pm: £4. cones £3: The

MANCHESTER Barrel of Laughs at the Frog and Bucket

cones £4.

Brian Higgins and Lewis Alberton share the spotlight. The Frog and Bucket Comedy Club and Theatre, Oldham Street (0161-236 9805). Tomorrow, 8.30pm; phone for ticket prices.

#### **COMING SOON**

**LONDON** Sept 4-14 A Midsummer Night's Dream

A Japanese production by the celebrated Ninagawa Company, first seen in 1995, comes to the Mermaid Theatre for 12 performances only. Box office: 0171-236 2211.

From Sept 7

Michael Bogdanov's twopart production of Goethe's epic transfers from Stratfordupon-Avon to the Pit at the Barbican. Box office: 0171-638 8891. Sept 9-Oct 26

National Theatre Booking for these dates now open by post only. New productions include Ben Jonson's The Alchemist. starring Simon Callow. Box Office, National Theatre, London SE1 9PX or phone (from Aug 19) 0171-928 2252.

From Oct ! Laughter on the 23rd Floor Gene Wilder makes his

British stage debut in Neil Simon's comedy at the Queen's Theatre (box office: 0171-194 5590). Prior to London, the production will tour to Guildford (01483 440000: Aug (2-24). Bath (0(225 448844: Sept 2-7), Richmond (0(8)-940 0088: Sept 9-14), Norwich (01603 630000); Sept 16-21) and Brighton (01273 328488: Sept

**■ REGIONAL** 

BILLINGHAM Aug 10-17 International Folklore Festival

Groups from Argentina, Latvia, Poland, Togo, Spain, Brazil and Britain at the Forum Thearre. Box office: 01642 552663.

**CHELMSFORD** Aug 18 Paul Weller

Top billing in a concert that includes appearances by the Charlatans, Lightning Seeds, Shed Seven, Incognito and the Mike Flowers Pop at Hylands Park, Box office: 0171-287 0932/0171-344 4444.



#### Paul Weller tops the bill in Chelmsford on August 18

#### DANCE

#### **LONDON**

**CRITIC'S CHOICE** 

ROYAL BALLET: SWAN The end of the Royal Ballet's 1995-96 season is also the final performance by Viviana Durante, who is taking the next year off to pursue interests outside the world of dance. Her partner tonight, William Trevitt, is a lastminute replacement for an injured Bruce Sansom. The matinée performance features Mivako Yoshida and Stuart Cassidy in Anthony Dowell's overdressed production.

DEBRA CR

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 2pm, 7pm; £2-£58.50.

Blitz '96: Community Spirit

Community dance group from Essex perform a range of works including commissioned pieces from Jamie Watton and Rachel Atfield. Ballroom, Main Foyer. Festival Hall. South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960-1242). Today. 1.15pm-2.15pm: free.

Blitz '96: Random Dance

Acclaimed cutting edge dance company performing clips from Jacob's Membrane. Ballroom, Main Foyer. Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 6pm-

Blitz '96: Tap Showcase This and last year's winning performances previously seen at the acclaimed Marjorie Davies Star Tap Awards. Ballroom, Main Fover. Festival Hall. South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242), Tomorrow, 1.30pm-2.15pm and



London: Random Dance

Jonzi D: Lyrical Fearta performance focusing on British young, black males with live music and mime. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Wo (0181-741 2255). Tonight, Spm: £8, concs

■ REGIONAL ABERDEEN Saiga Ballet of Tokyo and

Aberdeen Academy of Dance Excerpts from Pinocchio, The Nutcracker and Thumbelina are performed in a daytime show for children by Aberdeen

STEREOTYPED labels

can be easily attached to

many churches. In an age

of increasing diversity

and division, tempting

definitions such as liber-al, traditionalist and

evangelical come all too

readily to hand and no one has come up

with better alternatives. But these labels

I had St Margaret's summed up.

can be inappropriate or simply wrong.

inappropriately as it turned out, within

seconds of walking through the door. We

were not unseen by worshippers deep in prayer (traditionalist) nor ignored by a

congregation faintly embarrassed that

someone new had walked in (liberal).

Instead, a friendly woman stretched out

her hand and, even though we were late

and the vicar, dressed in pale blue, was

speaking from the lectern, she left her

seat to hand us a service sheet, a "song

wurship hymn through, not once but

twice, repeating the last verse. This

church must be evangelical. In a sense

this was right, but it was also wrong.

When the Rev John Guest, the priest-in-

charge, arrived three years ago, he found himself heading a church that was

trinitarian in more ways than one. In

effect, three congregations were

squeezed into one service, and few were

To unite his congregation, he divided

the service into three. For the traditional-

ists there is a 9.30am service according to

the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, to

wholly satisfied as a result.

We then proceeded to sing a modern

book" and showed us where to sit.

International Youth Festival. Aberdeen Arts Centre. King Street (01224 635 208). Today, 3pm: £4.50, cones

£3.50, family £14,

LIVERPOOL Momentary Fusion: Stung

Ethereal dance performance using spotlights and radio mics to echo the dancers' breathing and movement. Bluecoat Arts Centre, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane (0151-709 5297). Tonight, 8pm; £6, cones

#### **OPERA**

■ LONDON Don Giovanni The European Chamber Opera stages Mozart's black comedy. Holland Park Theaire. Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-602 7856). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat. 2.30pm; £20.

Don Giovanni First Act Opera stages Mozart's black comedy. Chiswick House. Burlington Lane (0181-577 6969), Tomorrow, 7pm; £10. concs £7.50.

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Ruth Gledhill feels it is easy to attach the wrong label to church services

which more than of people now show up. For the middle-of-the-roaders, there

is a less formal Ham family service.

using the 1980 Alternative Service Book.

More than 130, including children, come

to that. And for the charismatic evangeli-

cals, at 6.30pm there is an even more

Overall attendance has increased by

25 per cent during the past year. Some

worshippers go to all three services.

others alternate. Most choose one, which

in itself can contain elements of all three.

For the first time, I began to understand

Notices attached to the columns

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church, we must admit, confess and turn

away from sin," said Janel Bacon, church

member and regular preacher. \*\*\*

LITURGY: Modern communion

service ★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Coffee and tea

served from an um transported into

church \*\*\*

SPIRITUAL HIGH: From high to low and

back again. \*\*

the Christian concept of the Trinity.

informal service, attracting 60 people.

concs £14.50.

BELSAY The Pearl Fishers Opera Box's lavishly costumed, outdoor production of Bizet's popular work. Sung in English. Belsav Hall. (01661 881 636). Tomorrow. 7pm; £20, cones £16.

CONGLETON Madame Butterfly Clonter Opera Farm produce Puccini's classic tragic-drama. Clonter Opera Farm, (01260 224 514). Tonight. 7pm: £25 and £28.

LEWES Arabelia Dietfried Bernet conducts John Cox's production of Strauss's and Hofmannsthal's final collaboration. Glyndebourne Opera (01273 \$13 \$13). Tomorrow, 4.15pm; £10-£110.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

**EUGENE ONEGIN** Last but one chance to catch the immortal Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducting Graham Vick's exemplary production of Tchaikovsky's 'Lyric Scenes", with Elena Prokina and Wojciech Drabowicz superb as the doomed lovers reaching out across time for "happiness that was once so near" to heart-rending effect. If you can wangle seats - always worth a last-minute try - a strategically placed hankie is the next essential. RODNEY MILNES

Glyndebourne. near Lewes, East Sussex (01273 813 813). Tonight, 5.10pm; £10-£110.

#### THEATRE

**LONDON** Hedda Gabler A chance for London to see Alexandra Gilbreath's acclaimed performance in

Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre. Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight, 8pm; mat. 4pm.

Murder in the Cathedral Performed in Romanian. but to judge by Art-Inter Odeon's last production seen here, the magnificent Richard III, with the same director and actor (Mihai Manjutiu, Marcel lures). language will be no bar to a powerful experience. lmeida,

Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Tonight, 8pm.

Roll with the Punches Belinda Lang, George Costigan and Paul J. Medford in an eniovable musical woven from the songs of Randy Newman, Chris Bond directs. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Tonight, Spm; mat, 4pm.

Two Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night London premiere for James Edwin Parker's New York success: the dynamics of the one night stand, directed by Julian Woolford, Described as wickedly biting".

Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Tonight, 7pm and 9pm.

Voyeurz Loud, ritillating and vacuous rock show, mostly about lesbians in New Whitehall. Whitehall, SWI (0171-369 1735). Tonight. 7pm and

**■ REGIONAL** CRITIC'S CHOICE

9.15pm.

WHEN WE ARE MARRIED

Leeds, to direct J.B. Priestley's classic farce about the respect able trio who discover on their silver wedding anniversary that they were never properly married. Her production sometimes substitutes broad strokes for witty detail, but she gets hilarious performances from Leo McKern as the most solemnly bleary of drunks. Dora Bryan as a dim. cossipy char. and especially Dawn French as one of the mythical beasts of Yorkshire lore: a massive, bullying wife who sizes up her prey like an Amazonian warrior, then advances on it like a blend of sumo wrestler. Texas gunslinger and white BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Festival Theatre, Chichester (01243 781 312). Tonight, 8pm; mat, 2.30pm. **GUILDFORD** 

Clive Swift stars in Anthony Trollope's poignant and amusing tale, in which a fiftysomething bachelor falls in love with the orphaned daughter of his best friend. With Vilma Hollingbery Adapted and directed by Michael Napier

Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (01483 440 000). Tonight, 8pm; mat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL Dealer's Choice Patrick Marber directs his award-winning play in a National Theatre touring production: a savage comedy about the dreams and obsessions of compulsive gamblers. Everyman.

Hope Street (0151-709) 4776). Tonight, Spm; mat.

OXFORD Hamlet The 26-year-old Ian

Pepperell plays the Prince in a Playhouse production, directed b John Retallack and Karl James. Rose, St Aldate's (01865 798 600).

Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 2.30pm.



London: Hedda Gabler

#### **FAIRS**

**LONDON** Discover Dogs in London Festival to celebrate all kinds of dogs and their owners from the average mutt on the street to the rare Earls Court 2. Warwick Road, SW5 (0171-

244 0950). Today, tomorrow.

10am-6pm; £7, concs £4.

Streets of London Festival The best in street theatre. this weekend's highlights include Cirque du Birque, Butch the Ballerina and Bell and Bullock, plus free circus skills workshops (today), Wyrd Arts (tomorrow). Streets of London Festival Information. various venues, Canary Wharf, El4 (information line 01273 821 588). Today, tomorrow, times vary,

Walpole Festival Roadshows Bonanza festival featuring stalls, sideshows and a funfair. Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, W5 (018)-758 5741). Today, tomorrow,

REGIONAL CARDIFF

11.30am-6pm; free.

Cardiff Summer Festival 96 Street entertainment extravaganza including live bands, circus performances and comedy. Cardiff Summer Festival Information, (01222 871 922), Today,

tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

**CASTLEREA** Castlerea International Rose Festival

This weekend's highlights include golf competitions and live music on the green. Various venues. (00353 90 720 067). Today. tomorrow, 9am-9pm; £5. .

CHARLESTOWN The Guinness International Summer Festival

Including live music. dance and barbecues. Various venues, (00353 94 54309). Today, tomorrow, times vary; outdoor events free, phone for details.

GRANTHAM Antiques and Collectors Fair

Antiques and collectables on sale from more than 30 Swallow Hotel, Swingbridge Road (01476 593000). Tomorrow, 10am-5pm; phone for details.

**GREYSTONES** Greystones Summer Festival Fun for the family featuring puppet theatre, busking competitions. dancing, a range of vintage cars, clowns and marching bands. Special activities devised for children include a disco, seaside train rides and many sporting

Town Centre. (00353 1 287 7408/6074). Today, tomorrow, l0am-late; mostly free.

INNERLEITHEN Traquair Fair

Highlights include an arts mobile, theatre, music and dance performances. Traquair House. (01896 830 323), Today, tomorrow, liam-opm; phone for details.

LEEDS Rhythms of the City Spectacular festival celebrating world music. This weekend's highlights include live music from Bassa

Bassa and the Phoenix New Orleans Parade Band, plus tomorrow's Family Fun Day. Rhythms of the City Festival, Various venues (0113 244 2111). Today, tomorrow, midday-ipm; free.

LIVERPOOL Summer in the City '96 Art event offering a range of activities, including live bands, art exhibitions and poetry readings. Bluecoat Arts Centre, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane (0151-709 5297).

**MANSFIELD** i2th Annuai Robin Hood

Today, tomorrow, times

vary; phone for details.

Festival Last two days in a weeklong medieval fest offering a chance to don the green tights and join in tomorrow's jousting competition. Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and County Park, (01623 S23202). Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

NOTTINGHAM Visions of Paradise Last day of the national University of Nottingham. Conference and Sports Centre (01482 631 627). Today, times vary; phone for

details. STOCKTON-ON-TEES Stockton Riverside International Festival Last weekend of the street festival, finale highlights include the excellent Titanic and Circus of Horrors. Stockton Riverside Festival Information Various venues (01642 61) 025). Today, Ilam-midnight,

midnight; mostly free. STRADBALLY National Traction Engine The Irish Steam Preservation Society's established festival. Stradbally Hall Estate, (00353 502 25444). Tomorrow, 9.30am-6pm; £4, cones El, free car parking.

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··· Docklands Garden Centre

the music director, with a period of silent

We had a "dramatic reading" from Joshua, the different "parts" played by two teenage boys and a woman. This concerned the ancient warrior's attempt to take the city At after the capture of Jericho, and his failure to do so. The surprising defeat was ascribed to the theft of gold, silver and Babylonian robe from the plunder of previous victories by an unfortunate character called Achan. As punishment he and his family were

church but at the evening service Mr After intercessions by Alison Prowse,

prayer at the end, Mr Guest presided at the Eucharist. There was further meditational silence and a closing hymn, but it was nearly 9pm before the last worshipper left the church, many lingering on to pray, char or simply have a cup of tea to bring their weekends to a close. St Margaret's parish church, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex SS17 OEP (01375 672271)

Benefits of a holy trinity Jude Kelly has come from the West Yorkshire Playhouse, indicated the subject of our intercessionary prayers - Atlanta, Burundi, Argentina and two church members called Bob and Alison. Worshippers raised hands and swayed to music as our songs progressed, led by a music group with singers and clarinetist. They looked happy, but we did not clap. We sat on wooden chairs, but again this was not

the trendy-vicar innovation it appeared, for the pews had been removed at the turn of the century and the chairs were in fact nearly 100 years old.

stoned to death. This horrible story is rarely told in Guest was tackling the entire book of An Old Man's Love

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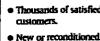
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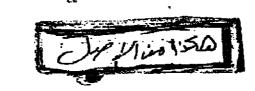
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of Marie Antoinette's first child in the winter of 1778, 200 aristocratic families took up residence at Versailles to celebrate the great event. And when the King's daughter arrived (and she was only a girl), the people nonetheless celebrated by ripping up the parquet floor of

the palace to make bonfires. If only they had had Baby Gap in the ancien regime, they could have sent a box of conton rompers with matching socks, sparing themselves the expense of relocation and the Queen much unwelcome

In the summer of 1996, we are in the grip of a habypresent boom, brought on by a jump in the birthrate following last October's Pill scare. While there is nothing wrong with the usual presents of flowers for the mother and clothing or a soft toy for the new baby, there are more enduring alternatives. You could consider something living to celebrate new life: a tree or a rose bush, for example, can cost less than a bouquet

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and will not wither in a week. An apple tree, a cox's pippin perhaps, or an egremont russet if the child is red-haired, can be planted in the first year, and by the time the child can reach up to the branches, he or she will be able to pick fruit from their own tree. If the parents have a large garden. you might consider a maple. the jade-striped Acer pensylvanicum or Acer griseum, the bark of which peels to reveal a beautiful cinnamon-coloured

The symbolic oak is hard to resist, but few will have the space: it might be possible, however, to gain permission

for the new arrival needn't be boring — and don't forget the mother from a local council to plant a tree in an open space, where

the child can visit the oak as it grows. If you make a present of a growing thing, it's a good idea to offer to plant it, since the last thing new parents need is more work. Rather than buying a velour

penguin or acrylic tiger for the newborn to ignore for two years, why not adopt the real thing on the child's behalf? You can defer the adoption until the child is old enough to appreciate the animal, when they'll be able to visit the zoo and read their name on a plaque - a thrill in itself. according to nine-year-old Peter Ditchfield of Bridgewater, Somerset, who has a part-share in a Sumatran tiger at Bristol Zoo. For the same cost (£20) his (1-year-old sister, Gemma, is adoptive parent to a prairie dog for a year.

The list of adoptable ani-mals and birds is long and rempting: what about a parrot at the World Parrot Trust at Paradise Park. Hayle. Cornwall, or a rare butterfly? Ring the Zoo Federation for a list of the many zoos that run adoption schemes. Many mothers say they love

to receive anthologies as birth presents: they are not immediately useful but become invaluable quite soon and last in the child's imagination forever. Some of the best are The Book of Nonsense Verse selected and illustrated by Quentin Blake (£12.99) from Viking: The Oxford Book of Children's Verse (£17.95) or Children's Stories (£16.99) and the appropriately named Treasury

of Children's Literature (£19.99) from Hutchinson. If you do decide to contribute to the endless list of baby accourrements now considered essential, you could give

the ordinary in extraordinary

quantity: a dozen plain white

vests or two-dozen Harrington squ-ares, Or you could opt for special versions of ordinary things: The Nursery Window in London makes lovely changing mats, bumpers, quilts, towels, and other traditional nursery accessories in beautiful fabries.

The most popu-Toy, £10, books, £11.05, biscuits, far present for babies, The Nursery Window says, is £2.40; Bahy & Co a hooded bath

towel at £16.50. The Nursery Window will deliver; ring for a catalogue. There are other companies that deliver. Baby & Co. a godsend for people who don't have time to shop. puts together high-quality hampers to be delivered anywhere in the country by the next day: The Bath Time hamper (£79.84) includes Bebejou bath, soap dish, basin and brush, and the Night Time hamper (£107.16) includes a cot blanket and wool and cotton shawls but they also do tailormade hampers. Mini Boden, another mail-

order company, makes simple, good-quality children's clothes and will deliver a gift-wrapped, batiste cotton smocked baby's nightie for £24 plus postage and packing. What about a present for the

new mother? For the first days, an excellent alternative to flowers is a basket of fresh muffins, brownies and chocolate chip wokies ffrom £29) from the Beverly Hills Bakery which delivers to most of the UK. A huge bunch of 5ft sunflowers

in summer or a

basket of snow-

drops in winter will always be welcome, but they don't last and they are unlikely to be

the only flowers a receives. What a woman with a new baby needs is something to relieve domestic chores or to make her feel beautiful. This comes down to extreme luxury or extreme practicality in a present.

If you like the idea of offering practical help, you could send smoked salmon with champagne and a stack of ready-made Marks & Spencer meals, or engage a springcleaner for a few hours, relieving her of the tedium of cleaning in the early weeks; or.

time, you could send an IOU for 12 evenings' babysitting to be called in whenever the new parents desire.

A magazine subscription is a good idea: in the first year of my son's life I gained all my knowledge from a combination of The New Yorker, Hist-

ory Today and Hello!. Luxurious presents might be anything the mother would not dream of buying herself: a case of Evian water each week for four weeks or the ever-popular Christian Dior Svelte. which claims to reduce cellulite. One mother remembers, above all other presents at the birth of her first child. the half bonte of iced vodka and dish of caviar that a friend sent to mark her return from abstinence. (According to Dr James Le Fanu, alcohol promotes lactation so mothers should be encouraged to drink when breastfeeding - but in moderation, of course.) Harrods offers a £300 beauty session which includes a body scrub, massage, top-to-toe bronzing, manicure and pedicure, and a haircut. Less extravagant friends could offer any one of these treatments and be loved for it.

Susan Swift



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Read with Mother: above, The Quentin Blakè Book of Nonsense Verse (Viking, £12.99) will soon come

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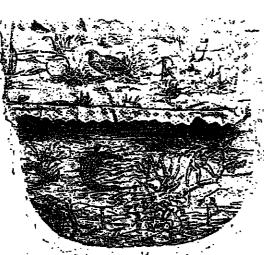
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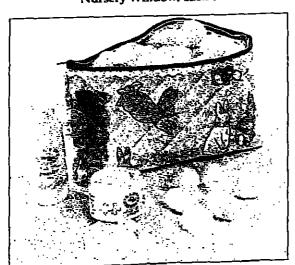
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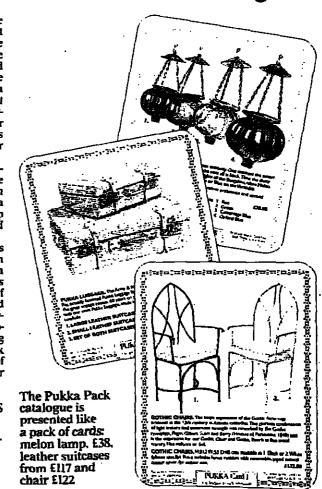
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o reach the Mashatu Game Reserve in the easternmost corner of Botswana, we had to cross the Limpopo river by cable car, a Heath Robinson ger over the river only a few feet above the crocodiles.

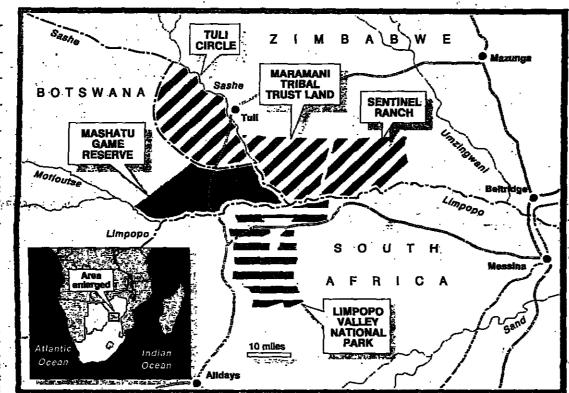
Having survived this adventure. half an hour later we drove into the camp, which seemed to co-exist in perfect harmony with the natural world around us; a woodland kingfisher - a dowdy name for an apparition in lapis lazuli and turquoise — perched tarnely loft in front of me; and on the lawn beside the bar, a family of warthog, the mother's smile belying her vicious

tusks, frolicked charmingly. As we opened the door of our suite, a monkey scampered off the roof and cheekily swarmed down the tree trunk holding up our veranda. I peered into the bush just in case a lion was waiting to spring. But if it was, the pop of the cork as I opened a bottle of South African

wine must have frightened it off. Next morning after breakfast, our host, Harnish Gilfillan, introduced us to Fish, one of the rangers. "He says there's a big herd of elephant very close, so he's going to try and find them for us."

I felt the excitement growing as we headed through the rolling greygreen savannah towards the treeline that masks the Motloutse river, a tributary of the Limpopo. It was 10am and the elephants would be moving from the open bush to the forest. Once there, they would be hard to see. Were we too late?

Fish, a Botswanan, who has worked on the 70,000-acre Mashatu reserve for 12 years, suddenly pointed. "Elephant, over there." I swiv-



elled and saw them, the great, grey shapes drifting through mopane. Then, as quickly, we were right in the middle of them. It was awesome. Not that the elephants showed any aggression, but their sheer size and numbers were intimidating. As we skidded through the dust, one lone bull turned and raised his trunk in ritual threat. There were so many elephants, it would have been easy to run into them, despite the matriarchs trum-

peting shrilly to warn us off.

Hear descended. Shade enticed. The last group of half a dozen big females and a dozen or more youngsters ignored us, already half asleep it seemed, gliding in slowmotion into the cool of a giant fig. I asked Fish how many there were in the herd. "We see maybe 100, but I

think about 200 altogether.\*\*
I had come to Mashatu — Land of the Giants in Tswana - not just for the elephants but because it is here, where Botswana. Zimbabwe and South Africa meet on the banks of "the great, grey-green greasy Lim-popo River," as Kipling called it, that a vast new trans-frontier game park is in the making. At 1.581 square miles it will dwarf most other game parks and sustain within its boundaries a herd of 900 elephants concentrated in the Tuli area north of Mashatu - the largest herd on private land in Africa.

t is proposed that the Limpopo Valley park will combine three elements: Mashatu and the Tuli Game Reserve - private and state-owned reserves Botswana; the Maramani Tribal Trust Land, which is at present capable only of subsistence agriculture, and the neighbouring Sentinel Ranch in Zimbabwe; and the new Limpopo National Park in South

The three areas combined will offer visitors a vast and varied area for game-watching, including all of the "big five" — elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and cheetah — some

spectacular scenery, and the chance to see South Africa's most important archaeological site. Having crossed the river again by the precarious cable car, we travelled through the bush for an hour, skirting several cathedral-sized. flat-topped sandstone outcrops which reminded me of a less arid Arizona, until we halted beside the largest and most impressive.

This was where, in 1933, South African archaeologists discovered a small, beautifully-made statuette known as the Golden Rhino of Mapungubwe. This, and several other finely worked gold objects. were found in the grave of a Shonaspeaking king who lived nearly 800

years ago.
From 1220, Mapungubwe was the centre of a rich cattle-owning society, trading in gold and ivory with Arabia and India, until it was destroyed by drought in about 1270, when power shifted to Great Zimbabwe, north of the Limpopo.

Dr Richard Leakey, the Kenya

**FACT FILE** 

The author's visit was organised by Hamish Gilfillan, of trad Leisure, in co-operation with De Beers, and the South African National Parks Board.

He travelled with Art Study Tours which specialises in small escorted parties and holiday lets

or 01423-330533). He will be leading a 17-day tour to Vietnam from February 17 (£2,900 pp). The next 15-day South Africa tour is in September next year.

■ Flights to Johannesburg from Heathrow with South African Airways start at £720.

represented in London by Safari Desk, 86/87 Campden Street, 0171-229 (511), which can arrange day trips to Mapungubwe. ■ Venetia Diamond Mine is not open to the public, but Amtrad Leisure, of Il Diagonal Street. Johannesburg 2001, South Africa (00 2711 491 9111, fax 00 2771 838 5136) can arrange visits to game reserves offered by the National Parks Board.

conservationist, has called Mapun gubwe "part of the soul of the new South Africa". It also explodes the myth that there was no indigenous civilisation in this part of Africa when the Voortrekkers arrived.

To see the site I had to scramble up an almost vertical rock chimney - guarded by a rock-splitting fig tree, originally named ficus smutsii after General Jan Smuts, the former South African prime minister. Smuts's love of the Limpopo valley led him in 1947 to propose the creation of the Dongola Wildlife Sanctuary, only to see the idea torpedoed by his political opponents a year later. Now, thanks to diamonds, Smuts's dream seems about

to become true. In 1947 Smuts knew about Mapungubwe, but not about Venetia. It was only in 1980 that geologists working for De Beers discovered on Venetia Farm, not far from Mapungubwe, what turned out to be one of the richest diamond mines in the world. As good

conservationists, De Beers immediately created a nature reserve round the mine, and in 1993 offered it to the government as the nucleus of a new national park. Last year, the South African National Parks Board was authorised to revive the old Dongola project, renamed the Limpopo Valley National Park, with the ultimate aim that it should become a "major component of a trans-frontier national park shared by all three countries". South Africa. like its neighbours, recognises that the benefits, in terms of ecotourism can be immense.

fter inspecting Mapungubwe, we drove along the over a deadly poisonous black mamba. It was a fearsomelooking snake, 10ft long and travelling like an express train — they say a black mamba can out-distance a

Undaunted, we climbed to the top of a rock, with a superb view over the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe rivers. As we gazed down on the three countries at our feet, two black eagles with white rumps soared along the rock face below us. What a place for a lodge," I said. You're looking at the very heart of

the new park," Harnish replied.
Dr Robbie Robinson, head of South African National Parks, is ontimistic. "We have initiated something which is bigger than all of us. It may take five, ten or 15 years, but I believe there will be a trans-frontier park extending across the three countries."

However long it takes, tourists are already making day trips to Mapungubwe from Mashatu; and in the new spirit of trans-frontier co-operation, South Africa has offered to tear down the electrified fence erected along the Limpopo in the bad old days of apartheid.

When that happens, the elephants of Botswana will be free to wander across the Limpopo again, past Mapungubwe and its ancient graves, and beyond.

· Sandy Gall was a guest of Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana, De Beers Consolidated Mines, Kimberley, and Amtrad Leisure,



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■ Timing and climate: Best period for game viewing is between June and October the dry season. The wettest is January and February. ■ Tour operators: Botswana,

Namibia and Zimbabwe are usually offered by the smaller specialist African operators including: Okavango Tours & Safaris (0181-343 3283), Africa Exclusive (01604 28979) and Abercrombie & Kent (0171-730

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tional and internal flights. accommodation, most meals, visits to the Victoria Falls, Okavango Delta and the King's Pool in the Linyanti Swamps costs £2,632 per person, with two sharing. Health: The region is ma-

larial; ask your doctor for the anti-malaria pills he advises (not available free on NHS). None are guaranteed effective, and the only way to be safe is not to be bitten; therefore take supplies of mosquito repellent. Hepatitis, typhoid, polio and tetanus immunisations are advisable. Water is usually safe to drink, with warnings when it is not. Many people prefer to stick to water in scaled bottles. ■ Money: US dollars (take some in small denominations)

lars or Botswana pula in the UK. Exchange only small amounts on arrival; most tours are fully inclusive, so currency is needed only for tips and small purchases. Passports and visas: Full passports are required. No visas for British subjects, but passports must be valid for six months from date of arrival. Transport: Air Namibia, Air Zimbabwe, British Airways and South African Airways serve the region. There are excellent train services to Victoria Falls, and good local trains. Most traffic is in Jeeps driving on the right — minibuses and boats. There is free access between the three countries, and South Africa. Accommodation: Hotels in the main cities - Harare, Bulawayo and in Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, Maun and Kasane in Botswana and Windhoek and Swakopmund in Namibia - are of good standard, and cheaper than some bush camps where you stay in tents or bungalows with running water and WC, for about £120 per person per night, if booked individually. ■ Further information: Zim-

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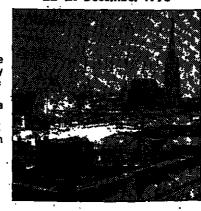
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Thailand: Luxury hotels and shanty homes create a mixture of the old, the new and the unpredictable

# Temples, tribes and traffic jams

he view from the swimming pools of two luxury hotels told me a lot about Thailand. The first hotel was in the capital, Bangkok; the second 450 miles to the northwest in Chiang Mai. On my back, I pushed lazily

away from the deep end of the Bangkok pool, emerging from beneath palm fronds to a frightening sight. A gigantic crane rotated a mass of building materials above my head. For one chilling moment I thought it might drop.

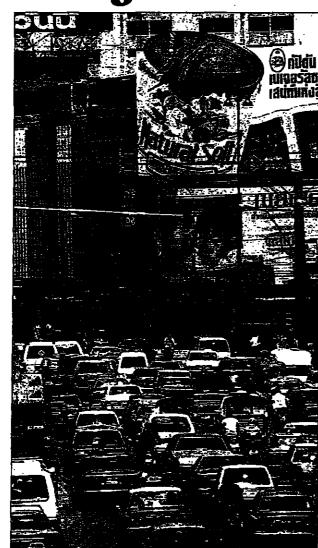
Everywhere in Bangkok there is trantic construction. Great concrete blocks spring up all over the place, with no detectable logic or plan. The result is a heady mixture of the old, new and unpredictable. My hotel room overlooked a street jammed with cars at all waking hours and, above the street, the skeletal spars of an elevated railway which, when it's finished, may do something to ease the jams.

The skyline along the river Chao Praya, too, mixes old and new. Gleaming, golden Buddhist temples jostle with vast hotels. The spaces between are filled with teetering shacks. Every square inch is occupied, or so it seems. The tributaries off the river are even more densely packed with ramshackle homes. Here trinket sellers lurk in boats, or in the water itself.

Wherever you go there is a constant bustle of enterprise, from the rich in their Mercedes to the poor up to their chins in water

Nobody seems to know how many people live in Bangkok. Is it six million or eight? Whatever the number, and you can't help believing the highest you hear, the flood of neople from the countryside accounts for this furious buying and selling.

What I soon found I liked most about the past that lingers here is not a temple. mosque or palace, but the courtesy of the people. Here I was in the Regent Hotel where every imaginable luxury, comfort and modern convenience is available. The decor is impeccable, the abundant flowers stunning in their variety, service is round the clock and the food first-class. I recommend a Thai dinner in the Spice Market restaurant What I relished above all



Bangkok is crammed with traffic around the clock

was the manner of service. Without any sense of servility, the staff sink to their knees when you issue your order from a low-slung chair in the bar, and at every opportunity when they open a door or take your luggage - they accompany their actions with a sweet salute: hands steepled together beneath the chin, a broad smile, a deep bow.

Is it the mellowing influence of Buddhism, the shrines and images of which are thick even in the poorest places? I don't know, but hope that Thai beneath Bangkok's concrete and bustle.

So on to my second pool with a view, at the Regent Resort Hotel near Chiang Mai. the principal city in northwest Thailand. From the



deep end I looked down on a flooded rice field at the end of which a water buffalo grazed. Beyond, green hills rolled gently away towards mountains. Embracing the rice field in a half circle are the hotel

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in groups of four on two floors. Elbows on the rim of the pool, drink at hand. I watched rain clouds sweep across the mountains in the distance, shafts of sunlight piercing the murk. When the sun goes down, frogs and insects set up a

deafening clamour. The hotel is a pinnacle of luxury, contained in what looked to me like a series of exotic temples but which. I was assured, are authentic Thai architecture. Shangri-La passes through the mind.

mong the expeditions was one to an elephant training school. Exactly what elephants are being trained for I am not sure, but they go through their paces for the tourists, lining up in order of size, like those ivory carvings that used to be on mantelpieces. The elephants lie in the river and stand up again. They give their ma houts a step up to their backs with their forelegs. They pile logs with their trunks. And they give us a ride, two to an elephant - slow, lurching and slightly scary.

The elephants are managed by Karen tribesmen. They let us off at the settlement of another tribe, the Lisu. Pigs and piglets slumbered all over the place: hens and chickens pecked and clucked. A small Every second house had a shop attached. Apart from one FACT FILE

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within Thailand.

man, who scuttled away, the village seemed to be entirely occupied by females, dressed in colourful tribal costume. We moved on to Muang Chiang Rai, where Thailand meets Laos and Burma at the Mekong river. We took a boat trip and I imagined myself doing something brave in the Vietnam War. When we stepped ashore I bought a plate printed with the words

"Golden Triangle" and a picture of me stepping on to the boat 40 minutes earlier. Later I bought some designer-label T-shirts in the night market at Chiang Mai. They were fakes and cost almost nothing. I also had a jacket made in cashmere by a tailor, who ran it up overnight for £80.

In the Golden Triangle we met the Yao and Loimi tribes who tried to sell us waistcoats. They have strange customs. Yao women are worth more as brides if they have had children: it proves their fertility. The Loimi have been weaned off their habits of washing only once a year and of killing newborn twins: now the twins are given for adoption.

Do I believe these tales? Or have they been invented to titillate the tourists? I started to think that as soon as we left the village. I imagined the tribespeople laughing behind our backs, throwing off their colourful costumes, shutting up their shops and getting out their jeans and televisions. And then I saw, at the en-trance to the Loimi village, a dog which had been skinned and skewered to a platform. Whether or not this had the effect desired of frightening off evil spirits I don't know, but it certainly rattled me.

I found myself wondering what, say, the average local councillor in Britain would make of these things. He or she would, I suppose, han the performing elephants on grounds of cruelty, and subsi-

dise the tribes in their ways on grounds of ethnic rights. My inclinations would be the opposite. The elephants seem content but the tribespeople a bit miserable. Is there anything to be said for preserving a lifestyle that brings a life

expectancy of 55? Thank heaven I don't have to decide these things. For me the diversity of Thailand - its courtesy, heatiny, strangeness,

energy - is its charm. And it is smart of the travel industry to have realised that there is more to holidays than lounging in the sun and to have opened un remote, exotic places without sacrificing an ounce of comfort.

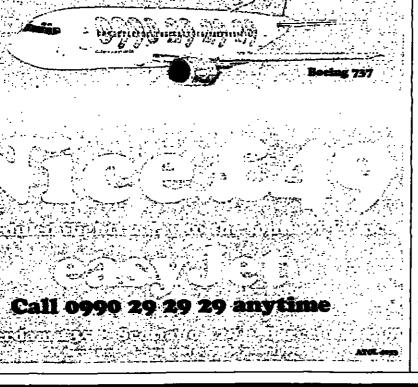
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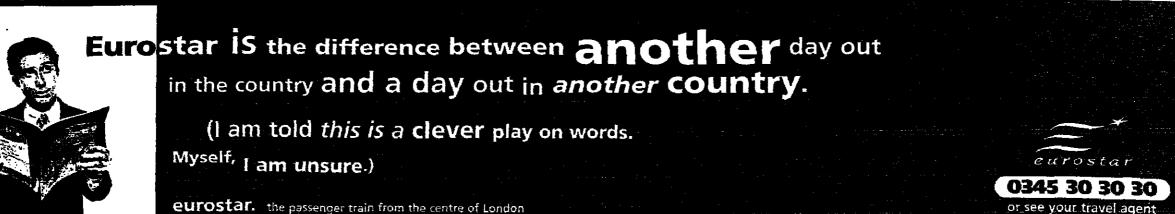
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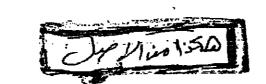
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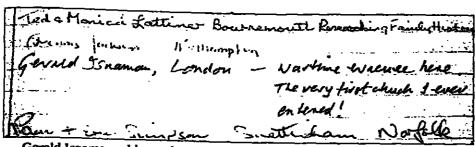






Britain: A personal voyage of rediscovery and reminiscence in the village of Barnack, Cambridgeshire

# The return of the wartime evacuee



cratch a patch of Brit-ain and often you will find something of fashides of history - and sometimes you can find a trace of your personal past. Take the Great North Road out of London, what they call the Al today, and 90 miles down the track turn right into Stamford, which deserves the epithets heaped upon it. "If there is a more beautiful town in the whole of England I have yet to see it." wrote W. G. Hoskins. But resist the temptation to linger, and continue instead to the village of Barnack, in the short drive passing the romantic turrets of Burghley House, the 240-room mansion of the mighty Cecils and now a showplace of Elizabethan power, the estate being the venue for a host of major equestrian events. Barnack has its own niche

in history - and in mine. It appears as Beonica in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, becomes Bernake by 1052, half a century after the marauding Danes had savaged East Anglia, and by Domesday is Bernac, the name apparently deriving from the Anglo-Saxon for Warriors' Oak, where military magnates met for law-making and giving justice. There were Lords of the Manor such as Hugh de Bernak and Ralph de Barnack, whose coat of arms was a shield bearing three barnacles, before that acquisitive neighbour Lord Burghley, treasurer to Oueen Elizabeth. took over and then, through

quis of Exeter. My appearance in that panof dates was more than half a century ago, at the outbreak of war, in 1939, 1 arrived in Barnack with my three sisters as evacuees from London, lost, tired kids who had never seen the country before, ordered by their moth-



The young Gerald (front right) poses with his family

er not to allow themselves to and others of distant memory. be split up, no matter what. So it was that we sat and shuffled until the village hall was empty, except for us, until farmer Bradshaw from the hamlet of Southorpe came to the reluctant rescue, and took us to live at Hall Farm, his grey-stone Georgian home where plentiful sides of bacon hung in the kitchen. It was to be the first of four different homes for me, some of distinct

in my pilgrimage into the past times of a little lad, aged six. I revisited it on a bright day

of withering winds, a raw time to evoke spent years in what is an impressive village of substantial houses, cottages, dovecotes and almshouses built round a remarkable church, all in Barnack's own famous stone, Barnack Rag, quarried first by the Romans, and on until the 16th century. It is part of that great swath of durable oolite limestone that curves across England, from Dorset to Lincoln.

Transported by barge on the Welland, Barnack stone went to build the abbeys and cathedrais of Peterborough, Ram-

sey, Ely, and Bury St Edmunds. Peterborough Cathedral would not have been so high if Barnack quarry had not been so nigh," so they say. St John the Baptist, in the heart of

probably not be so high without it, a church dating orig-inally from Wulfhere, King of Mercia in 664, whose Saxon ancestry is evident from its belfry and tower, and a carved effigy of Christ. It was the first

proclaimed in the visitors' book. The list of rectors dates back to Hugh de Karteluna. 1218. and includes Charles Kingsley senior (rector 1824-32), father of the namesake clergyman, poet, novelist and social reformer, who arrived in Barnack, aged five, long before he wrote The Water Babies or he used the Fens to create Hereward the Wake. Kingsley junior, impatient, highly strung, suffered from

church I ever entered, a fact I

nightmares, some say as a result of sleeping in a room in the 14th-century rectory, allegedly haunted by the ghost of an unloved priest, wearing flowered dressing gown and cap. Charles, who composed sermons at the age of four, claimed later to remember "every stone and brick" of Barnack.

Today, part of the once extensive rectory site is called the Kingsley Estate. a 1960s. middle-class housing developrecollections, perhaps because of the perfectness of the place.

St John the Baptist church, built in Barnack's own famous stone, Barnack Rag. The list of rectors includes Charles Kingsley senior (1824-32)

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bear his name.

A new school has been built behind the old one, dating from 1796, where my only recollection of an early education is of the November night in 1940 when incendiary bombs showered down, one going through the school roof and giving us a day's holiday. Why we should have been evacuated so near to an RAF station has always been a

But that, too, did give us the excitement of a Junkers 88, with swastikas. adorned crashing into a sugar-beet field and the chance to clamber over the wreckage.

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"That crash is still remembered as the greatest thing that's This sad happened here in a thousand years." the current rector. place once the Rev Glyn Aus-

tin, mused, an understandable conclusion when so little stirs in Barnack nowadays, except for those lured to its church or to the Hills and Holes, an undulating grassy

landscape left over from the ancient quarries. Now our once familiar playground is a protected nature reserve, one of the two richest sites in the country for the mauve pasque or pasch flower, meaning Easter-tide, one rarity among no fewer than nine varieties of native orchid, and some 28 species of butterflies.

he Hills and Holes extend to the edge of Walcot Hall and Park, the distinguished house built in Barnack rag in 1678 by Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, which subsequently became the war operations room of the US Eighth Army Air Force in planning Flying Fortress bomber attacks on Germany.

In a corner of the 18thcentury walled park with its huge trees and grand avenue of limes was a gamekeeper's Here my sisters and I lived

with gamekeeper Norman Herron, his wife Ethel, and their two sons, Eric and Ronnie, and it is of this exiled

ment, the only memorial to home that I have my strongest tacked them to boards to dry crushed walls, gutted rooms, only paraffin lamps to light

surrounded and hidden, albefore selling them. There was a poignant feelmost in shame, by a large Here I went out with Norman to shoot rabbit, hare and ing of coming home on reach-ing the broken entrance, and tangle of boxwood and shrubs. smashed as if by a giant's fist. pigeon, to eat of course, saw

then finding, painfully, what I The cast-iron cooking range stood cold and idle. Here I recalled as a big house was really a much smaller one. dared to recite some small poem, but only while hidden This home, into which eight people once squeezed, was beneath the kitchen table. This sad place, where there were now dark and derelict with

you to bed, once bubbled with children's voices. And provided us with our own lost domain. But no more.

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A clifftop at Logy Bay, a few miles from the provincial capi-tal. St John, provided the setting for Memorial University's production of The Tempest. Logy Bay is typical of the remote coastal villages (known as "outports") linked by Marine Drive, which runs for an hour and a half by car from St John along the north coast of the Avalon Peninsula through Flat Rock to Conception Bay. Its beaches can only be reached by cliff paths and are battered by stormy seas even on fine days.

Newfoundland is a wild province only partly reclaimed from the elements, but this is its peculiar charm. Settled by John Cabot in 1497, the province has great plans for its 500th anniversary next summer. The past is very much alive here. Modern buildings of steel and glass are juxtaposed with brightly painted. wooden houses. Red, blue and green fishermen's cottages nestle in the fishing Battery at the bottom of the cliffs at the narrow entrance to St John

The Battery lies below Sig-nal Hill, on top of which stands the Cabot Tower, built in 1897. The Battery is like

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many coastal outports around St John, such as Quidi Vidi, a fishing village still inside the city limits, with boats moored at jetties surrounded by colourful cottages.

The wildness of the sea

crashing against the rocky borders of the island and the isplated outports might not attract everyone. But young Newfies enthuse that St John has more bars per capita than anywhere else in the world. Its wild landscape is certainly

matched by its nightlife.
The Irish origins of many islanders still colour Newfoundland's culture. An Irish lilt sounds in many voices in the bars - an echo of the old world mingling with their North American twangs in the Avalon and Village Shopping Malls on the edge of the city.

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The great fire of 1892 wiped out many old buildings. On a hot July afternoon. Tommy Fitzpatrick dropped his pipe while working in a barn - 24 hours later, more than 1500 homes had been destroyed.

Ferryland is about an hour south of St John. Houses nestle along the shore and clear water laps against the roadside. Fishing boats sit idly in the harbour because the government pays the fishermen not to fish, to allow stocks to replenish. The only activity here is archaeological.

The Avalon Village Dig is excavating the site of Lord Baltimore's 1021 settlement at the inner harbour known as The Pool Baltimore's wife and children all died here, and he left for Maryland in 1629. North of Ferryland, is Bay Bulls, which, like many New foundland harbours, was a vital port for the Allied fleet during the Second World War. Today, the only fleet is tour boats patrolling the waters in search of whales.

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# Pure Scotch on the rocks



here's no music like Cape Breton music for dancing," Tommy Basker said. He tapped his glass of rum for emphasis. "You go to a square dance with a hall full of people... and boy, she smokes." Boy, she does. And Tommy should know.

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Jenny Gardner, a young fiddle player from Edinburgh, was sitting with us in the kitchen of Tommy Basker's house near the island's capital, Sydney. She'd come, like so many others from all corners of the world, to drink at one of the world's purest musical

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fountainheads. Scots music and culture are astonishingly alive on the island, where Highlanders came to start new lives during the clearances in 18th and 19th-century Scotland. Not only their music and dance, but their Celtic traditions of hospitality - and their Gaelic language, too have survived in a landscape that might have been transplanted from the Highlands.

In summer, Cape Breton

shows and dances every day of the week; classes in music and dancing at the Gaelic College at St Anns in the north of the island: informal sessions in bars where musicians gather to test their skills against each other like gunfighters at the OK Corral. But I was in search of the "pure drop", the backkitchen music played by the island's great musicians for their own pleasure, and as a courtesy to the casual caller.

The eastern side of the island is the stronghold of descendants of Presbyterian and Church of Scotland set-

**WORD-WATCHING** 

(c) In Brazil, a person employed to gather rubber. From the Portuguese seringa. Also, erroneously, seringero. "The dwindling

number of Indians was pressed into service as seringueiros. The

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(c) A small, dark-brown antelope belonging to a race of the

korrigum, Damaliscus lunatus, found in the Sudan and neighbouring parts of Ethiopia. The Tiang, as the well-known German traveller and naturalist Theodor von Heuglin proposed to

call this Antelope, after its native name, is a representative form of

(a) A small police van. US slang. A portmanteau word made from packing together squad + (pat)rol. "The Plymouth was a block ahead when the squadrol, its red and blue lights flashing, came in

(a) The realm or world of vagabunds, Jocular US slang from vagaband turned into a place name. "You should not make the mistake of confusing Hobohemia with Vagabondia. The latter is a

the Korrigum in the upper valley of the Nile."

more and less alluring realm of the Old World."

tlers. The west is hillier and wilder, the land of the Catholic Highlanders and French refugees driven out of Nova Scotia by religious persecution in the 18th century. In the north is the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, encircled by the Cabot Trail, a stunningly

beautiful drive. I was aiming for Inverness County, on the southwest coast, where most of Cape Breton's master fiddlers live in lonely beaches. Jenny Gardner was quick to hitch a ride once she heard where I was hound: and with us came David MacDonald, whose delight is to collect musicians and dancers for wild sessions in the barn at the Normaway Inn he runs near Mabou.

e threaded into steadily rising country painted, weatherboard farmhouses, stood in clearings and called on Archie Neil Chisholm. Eighty-nine years old and as sharp as a knife, he has compered more concerts and encouraged more young music-makers than you could shake a bow at.

minded friends who convened a gathering of Cape Breton musicians in 1973, to revive the musical culture they feared was on the verge of extinction. One of Cape Breton's new young breed of fiddlers. Wendy MacIsaac, was spending the afternoon with Archie Neil. Bravely, Jenny accepted an invitation to strike up the first tune; then Wendy replied in kind, a leaping succession of reels, marches and strathspeys. "It nearly died out in the first decade of this century," Archie Neil said. "Father Mac-Donald, the priest, collected all the fiddles in Margaree and broke them up - it was the Devil's music to him, you see. Some people had two fiddles, though, and only gave him the poorer one."

It was Archie and a few like-

At evening, under a full moon, we came down rough

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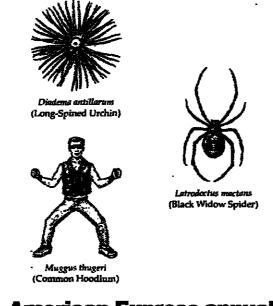
sessions and dances from David MacDonald (00 Jerry Holland's Ceilidh Trail School of Celtic Music, PO Box 297. Inverness, Cape Breton N.S. BOE INO.

roads to the coast and called on Jerry Holland, a master fiddler who has played and recorded all over the world. No folie de grandeur about Jerry: he poured the inevitable cup of tea. talked enthusiastically about the School of Celtic Music he's establishing on the island, and played an hour's worth of bewitching tunes on a fiddle dark with age.

Back in Sydney, the Barra MacNeils held a house ceilidh. A celebrated musical family from the island of Barra in the Outer Hebrides. the MacNeils have passed the tradition down the generations. The house was jumping. Tommy Basker was there, so was David Macdonald. Jenny Gardner let her fiddle bow fly with the best of them. That's how this island keeps the heart and soul of good music alive. Yep ... she smokes, all right.

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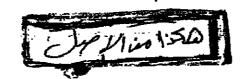
favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The building is of white marble and has pietra-dura inlay work of extraordinary delicacy. Later continue to the Red Fort, a complete Moghul city in itself, built by Akbar and enclosed by turreted red sandstone walls. See the many courtyards and marble halls, including the

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lew know about the Edith Piaf Museum, and fewer still make the effort to visit it, thus it is the perfect antidote to a hot day queueing with 5,000 others who want to be fed culture at the Louvre.

The Piaf fan must be dedicated. regretting nothing in his or her efforts to worship at the altar of the diva, for the museum is far off the beaten track in the 11th, near where Piaf grew up in the slums of Belleville. Each visit requires a phone call to the curator. Bernard Marchois, to book a time for the next afternoon. But this means you will have the museum, and M Marchois, an old friend of Piaf, entirely to yourself.

After a short walk from Père Lachaise or Ménilmontant metro, you find yourself in the **INSIDER'S GUIDE TO** 

unprepossessing Rue Crespin-du-Gast, down from a Salvation Army refuge. But there is a plaque out-side number five for the "Musée Les Amis D'Edith Piaf". You dial in the entry codes and ascend four flights fearing increasingly for your life. Instead, M Mar-

chois pops out of a door, a man in his fifties with a diamond stud earring, and welcomes you into a sea of memorabilia and kitsch. His hairy peke snuffles at your feet.

The shrine to Piaf consists of two small rooms. The red walls are decorated with original posters from the 1940s and 1950s, tacky oil paintings, and framed letters and cards. There are busts of Piaf, three stage costumes and, splendidly, a lifesize cardboard figure of her, less than 5ft tall. Her giant teddy bear, of much the same height, sits in a chair by the door. In the background, La Vie en Rose plays on the gramophone.

M Marchois has every existing Piat recording — more than 300 songs — and will take special requests during the visit. His personal favourite is La Foule. He met Piaf at her apartment in the 16th arrandissement in 1958 when he was 16 years old, and continued to be part of her entourage until she

died in 1963. "In real life she was not this sad

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person of her songs. She was vivacious, fun to be with, always making jokes. We all loved to be around her," says M Marchois. who gives his tour in French.

The first time, when a friend took M Marchois to visit Piaf, he was disappointed. "He said I would see this great chanteuse, and instead there was this tiny little ordinary woman. But then she sat down at her piano, and I understood." Thereafter, M Marchois would visit Piaf almost every night when she was not on tour - "but she barely spent more than three months of the year in Paris".

In 1977, all the friends of Edith Piaf gathered souvenirs she had left them and decided to display them to the public. There was not much. She

was not a great materialist. and only had a few bits of furniture in her big apartment." Now the committee of friends runs the Piaf

fan club and the museum from the same address in the 11th. Almost 80 per cent of the museum's visitors are young people, all well-versed in the Piaf legend. She has also become a major gay

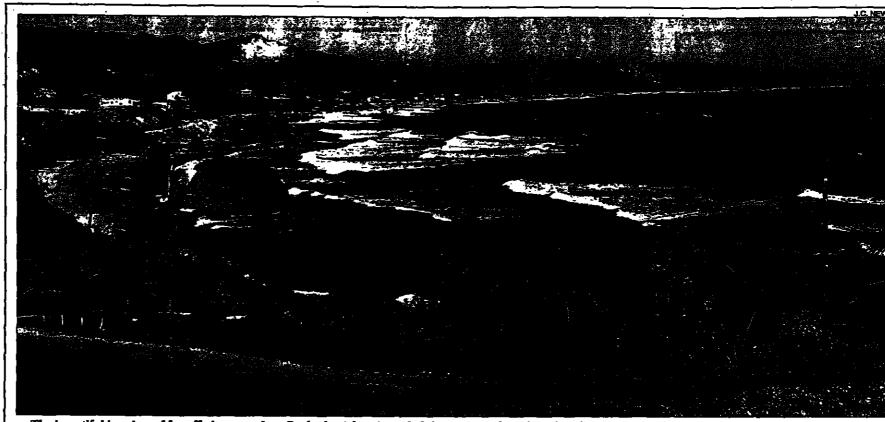
icon. There is something of a sideshow atmosphere to the rather cramped place. Her tiny size 2 suede shoes nestle on shelves. The friends also kept obscurities such as a photocopy of Piat's palm. "You can see her life line is suddenly cut short here," M Marchois says. Piaf

Her grave, incidentally, is conveniently near the museum, at the back of Père Lachaise cemetery (plot 97, second row) and is always covered in new flowers. M Marchois was one of the 400,000 who turned out for the funeral of "L'Ange Noir" and says "all Paris

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The beautiful beaches of far-off places, such as Barbados (above), are helping to make long-haul holiday flights the fastest-growing sector of British Airways

#### Top of the long hauls

HONG KONG, Barbados and South Africa are British Airways' fastest-growing destinations this year. BA's 1997 programme, with prices starting at £295 for a week in Egypt, reflects the popularity of long-haul travel, which now accounts for one in five of all holidaymakers, as well as the buoyance of the cruising market. Its new Cruise and Stay brochure offers several land and sea combinations, with a three-night Caribbean cruise or four nights in Orlando costing from £825. A sports brochure features golf, riding, tennis and watersports.

#### Honestly...

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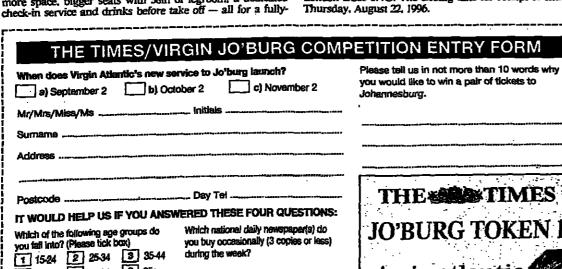


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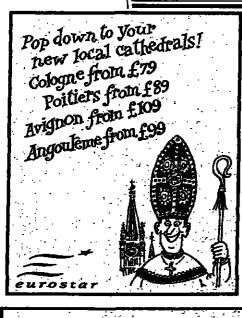
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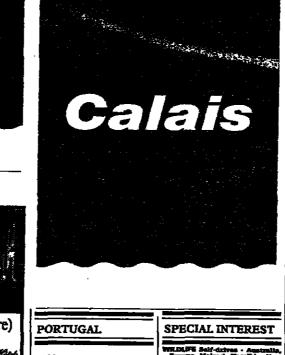
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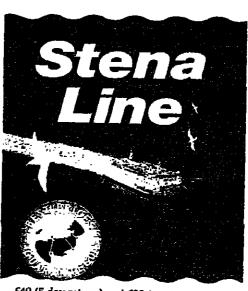
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**GAMES** 

#### by Raymond Keene

THE MODERN master relies to a greater extent on the power of memory than his predecessors. The explosion of contemporary theory in the openings is such that anyone with a defective memory who aspires to the chess heights is virtually doomed to fail. Recently Bobby Fischer, world champion from 1972 to 1975, propounded a form of random chess, where the positions of the pieces are shuffled by chance before the game starts. The point is to eliminate reliance on memory. but in spite of obvious attractions whether Fischer's innovation will

catch on is a moot point. Although standard play requires a good memory, this is as nothing compared to the demands made by blindfold chess, particularly simul-taneous blindfold chess, where a master or grandmaster takes on many opponents at the same time without being allowed to see the board or pieces at all. I have tried this myself, successfully playing five games blindfold at once, but compared to the greats in the discipline this is mere dilettantism. Alexander Alekhine played 32 blindfold simultaneous games in 1932. George Koltanowski increased this to 34 in 1937 and in 1947 Miguel Najdorf took on 45

A particular exponent of blindfold chess and the memory powers associated with it was the American grandmaster Harry Nelson Pillsbury, and one feat by which he particularly delighted audiences was blindfold playing of 12 games of chess and six games of draughts at the same time. While doing this he also conducted a game of duplicate whist.

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On one occasion, at such a display, two professors read out to him a sequence of 28 words and short phrases. Pillsbury repeated them in the order given, and then in reverse order, and had no difficulty repeating them the next day. This random collection of curious words and phrases is worth repeating for posterity. Readers may care to try to memorise it for themselves: antijohlogistine, periosteum, takadiastase, plasmon, Threlkeld, streptococcus, staphylococcus, micrococcus, plasmodium, Missis-

sippi. Freiheit, Philadelphia, Cincinnatti, athletics, no war. Etchenberg, American, Russian, philosophy. Piet Potgelter's Rost, Salamagundi, Oomisillecootsi, Bangmamvate, Schlechter's Nek, Manzinyama, theosophy, catechism.

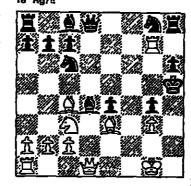
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W: Pillsbury B: Howell
12-Board Blindfold Simultane Brooklyn 1900

Hampe-Allgaier Gambit

White sacrifices a piece to expose the black king.

10 Be3 12 Bc4+ Byd4

Apparently decisive, but White has a diabolical tactic in his mind's eye. 14 Rt7+ Kg8 15 h5+ Kxh5 16 Rg7t



A brilliant coup. The threat is 17 Bf7 mate, and if 17 . . . Bxe3+, 18 Kg2 Qxd1 19 Bf7 still finishes Black off.

... Ne5 17 Bxd4 Ng6 Kg2 Rh7 19 Qh1+ Nh4+ Qxh4+ Qxh4 21 Bf7

Checkmate. A colossal performance by a blindfold grandmaster against a sighted player.

The fifth World Memory Championships, which include chess displays, lectures on memory and an attempt to memorise a shuffled pack of cards in less than 40 seconds, take place at Simpson'sin-the-Strand, London, today and tomorrow morning.

Spectators are welcome. For

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# Papa! ... Nicole?

There were two winners for last week's cartoon caption (above), submitted by R. Sallabank of Yatton, Somerset and D. Brodie of Reading, Berkshire

#### By Philip Howard SERINGUEIRO a. An Amerindian language

b. A waterproof cape c. A rubber-gatherer TIANG

a. A Chinese dynasty b. A gambling game c. An antelope **SQUADROL** 

a. A police van b. An American officer cadet c A jam butty VAGABONDIA

a. Land of vagabonds b. A wild purple creeper c. Headdress with long train Answers on page 20

#### by Robert Sheehan

THE TOUGHEST national event in the world is the trials to select the USA team. More than 20 teams entered this year. The top seed gets a bye into the eight-team knockout stage, and the next six seeds get a bye into the previous round. The seeding is based on performance in

other national events.

The Nickell team (Freeman, Wolff, Hamman, Meckstroth and Rodwell), current holders of the Bermuda Bowl, was the number one seed for the second year in a row, and duly made it through to the semi-finals. The other teams in the last four were: Weinstein (seeded two); Zia Mahmood (three); and Robbins (five), a well-regarded team from Chicago not widely known outside the USA.

Robbins created a major upset by beating Nickell in the semi-final. With one set of 16 boards to go Nickell trailed by only 8 IMPs, but Robbins held on to win by 80 IMPs. In the last set Hamman had to find the lead to beat a slam. (See top of next column.)

Hamman was West. It didn't seem to be the occasion for a passive lead, as North was likely to have a source of tricks. Since East could have held a longer minor with a four-card major (Hamman and Wolff play a "canapé" method) Hamman chose to lead a diamond. As you can see, that was disastrous in that it cleared up the problem declarer would otherwise have had on a major suit lead: how to play diamonds for four tricks.

At the other table, where Meckwell were North-South, West jumped to Three Hearts at his first turn. North continued with Four Hearts, but as that was not a jump

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it was not an unequivocal slam try. but rather simply a suggestion of at least the values to expect to make Four Spades. South had a good hand but not a very good one, and he bid Four Spades. This did not seem such a bad idea when the defence started with three rounds of clubs. It still cost the Nickell team 11 IMPs, where they might have gained 11 if Hamman had made a luckier guess on his

opening lead.

Zia Mahmood's team, containing four current world champions, won the other semi-final. They were the favourites in the final, but Robbins again finished up winning by 80 IMPs. Larry Robbins, Jerry Goldfein, Steve Garner, Jack Oest, Gerald Caravelli and Garry Cohler will represent USA in the Olympiad in Rhodes this October.

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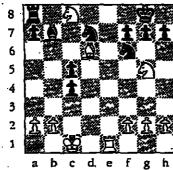
Last week's winners: \$ J Elliott. By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is

from the game Karsa - Nemeth, Hungary 1986. With his last move, White moved his knight to the unusual ca-square. This looks strange but his next move revealed the point of this manoeuvre. How did he continue?

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Black adds plenty to the clanking

atmosphere of the game, now out

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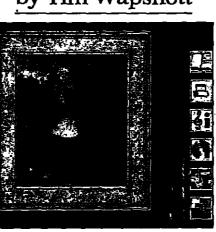
George Gershwin to write a new jazz work suitable for the concert hall. At first George was slow to get started on the piece until he read in

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The detailed timeline opens with Henry Purcell (organist at Westminster Abbey in 1680 when he was 21) and closes with Philip Glass. In the main, the works of many of the composers are satisfyingly illustrated with audio excerpts. Those whose works are not sampled tend to be mostly the contemporary composers, such as Glass, Birtwistle, Messiaen, Walton, Tippett and Stockhausen.

#### by Tim Wapshott



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13 Damaged; penniless (5) 14 No. of furlongs in mile (5) 16 Put on (heraldic) shield (8)

17 Overtake: fail to bid (4) 20 Rain/snow mixture (5)

21 Bubble of rubbed skin (7)

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Cosa Nostra (5) 2 Both-sexes tennis game (5.7) 3 Responsibility (4) 4 Advantageous (6)

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South American faded badly, looking sorrowful (7) A Northern Territory ringer enters secluded shebeen (6)

Set-aside antipathists purposefully till village's common land (7) Greek character in a delirious state, reportedly, in bar incident (5)

Alter ■■ to ■ - delete subsection (5) Enraged fox is mad, half crazed — not half! (5) Newspaper, perhaps at the risk of overspending, swallows dreadful rag

Washes II American suits following 29 lieutenant's shipping order (7) Remove divisions; support peacekeepers for initial period (6)

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ignored (3) Sort of miniature ungulate (and it's no variety of eland) (9)

Ordinary girl from Perth produces jacquard fabric without equal (5) I love Virgil's desk (3) Remain as partnership (7)

One small boy caught fighting, another held responsible (7) Poor Will's appeared second to last (4) Mob runs official ticket-seller (7) Wick's whirlpool and well (4)

Editor to distribute grass roll-ups (6) Fastidious travellers take out open carriage commonly (4) 15 White hunter provides evidence

without hesitation (6) Top US golfer explains his quip (6) Avifaunas Linnaeus sorts out in Georgia. Quite the opposite! (7)

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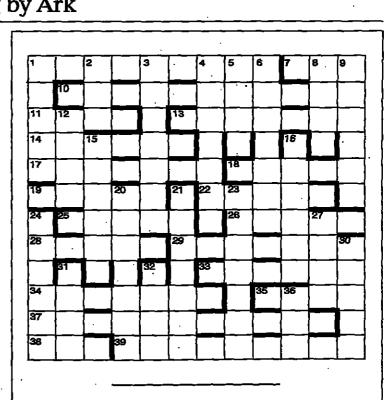
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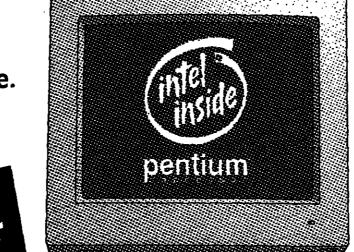
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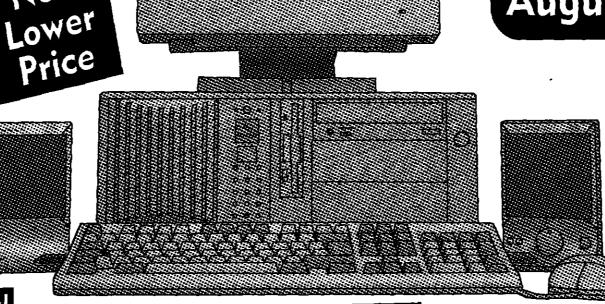
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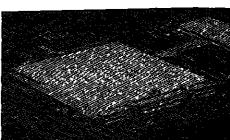
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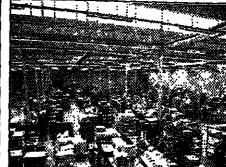
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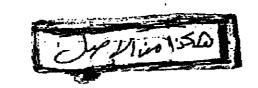
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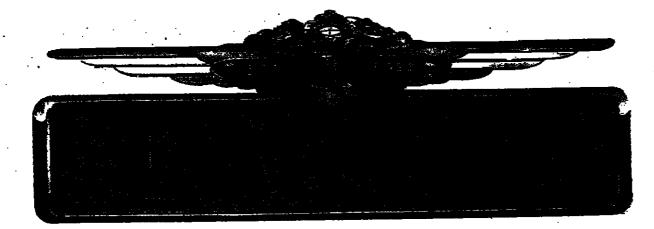






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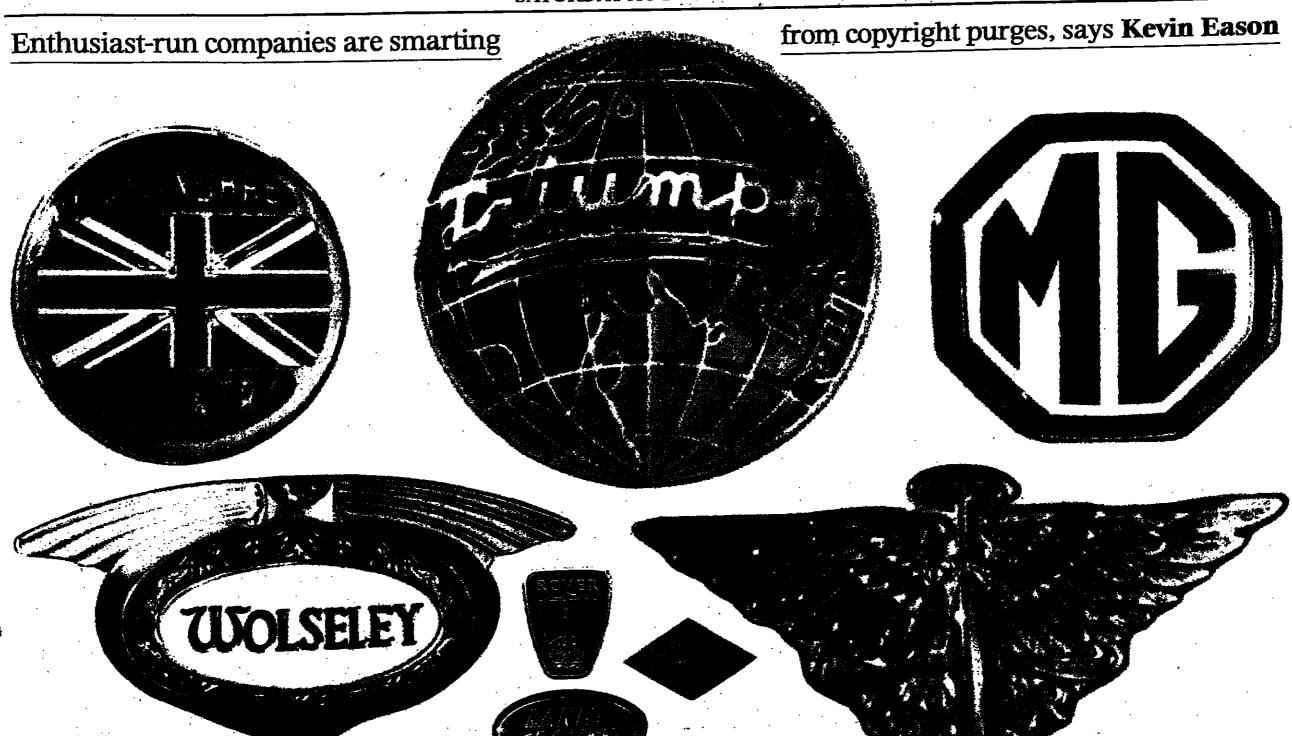
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**SATURDAY AUGUST 3 1996** 



Get off my marques, Rover growls

over is cracking down on motor traders who have kept alive some of the company's most historic names. The BMW-owned multinational has written to dozens of small garages saying they are no longer authorised to use names such as Austin and Morris, even though Rover has not made cars with those badges for

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Some small traders — often one or two-man companies who have been working on historic cars for nearly 20 years - have been shocked by threats of legal action and demands to scrap signs, letter headings and catalogues.

Even two of the country's leading Morris Minor dealers have been forced to change their names to comply with the new Rover ruling.
Rover holds the rights to

some of the most compelling names in the British motor industry. Austin and Morris were among the founding marques of the industry. which celebrates its centenary this year, while Rover is one of the oldest surviving names.

In the great shakeout of the car business over the past 30 years though, once powerful companies were absorbed and became one powerful group-ing. Austin and Morris be-

came the British Motor Corporation which evolved into BLMC and eventually BL. By then, the company had the rights to defunct marques such as Riley, Wolseley, Austin-Healey and Standard. Triumph and MG died out in the 1980s.

BL was apparently less interested in history than in survival. The company was renamed Rover as part of a marketing drive to establish a new, upmarket identity for the newly privatised business, while the other badges, except for Land Rover, were sidelined. By that time, an entire industry maintaining the company's historic names was flourishing and dozens of businesses had sprung up supplying parts, restoring old cars and selling memoribilia. Until

Rover has been wading through companies, checking their activities and warning that they will not be able to use products branded with Rover Group names without a licence awarded by the company's British Motor Heritage subsidiary. Some companies are allowed to join Heritage as an approved supplier and, though neither Rover nor traders would give the price of membership, it is thought to be one per cent of annual sales - a fortune for many busi-



Minor dealer Martin Dooner expects to have to scrap £10,000 worth of catalogues

nesses which exist more on enthusiasm than hard cash. Dealers - most of whom only want an amnesty to adjust to the changes which

could fundamentally affect their firms - say that BMW is behind the crackdown, a reasonable assumption given the interest in Rover's heritage

shown by BMW chairman Bernd Pischetsrieder. He has repeatedly said that he wanted to revive names such as Austin-Healey and Riley.

ROVER: Maiding cars from 1904, chosen in 1984 for state-owned range, evolving from BMC, BLMC, British Leyland and then BL. LAND ROVER: Company founded in 1948.

Started 1924. MGB Britain's best-setting sports car, though company closed 1980. MG/F latest version. WOLSELEY: Herbert Austin built first Wolse ley in 1899. Last in 1976. RILEY:

Company founded 1898, gone by 1969. TRIUMPH Motorcycle maker moved into cars in 1923, lost in 1984. STANDARD: Name dropped in 1963. AUSTIN:
Herbert's glant from 1906; last car, Montego, 1988.

MORRIS:
William Morris founded business 1913; last car, ital, 1983.

AUSTIN-HEALEY: Specials waiting to be revived.

Rover has in the past made almost no effort to control copyright or intellectual rights to its many names, allowing a mini-industry to grow un-checked. Rover says it is now trying to stamp out infringements of its copyright, particu-larly for marques which have been brought back or are

and Land Rover. A Rover spokesman says: "There is no problem with people asking for licences. We are happy for them to co-operate with us, but quite a few have not responded to our early approaches and it is those we have been talking to recently."

But the purge has often been as bizarre as it has been strict: the Morris Minor Centre in Bath, one of the most famous suppliers of the cherished cars, was forced to alter its name although the company has been in existence for 20 years and is known world-wide. Charles Ware, the founder. was keeping the marque alive, even though Rover allowed the Morris name to lapse in 1983. Tim Brennan, at what is now Charles Ware's Morris Minor Centre, says: "When they first came on to us we were dumbstruck. We felt bullied in a way and decided we had to have legal advice on what we would be called. They even wanted to approve our new

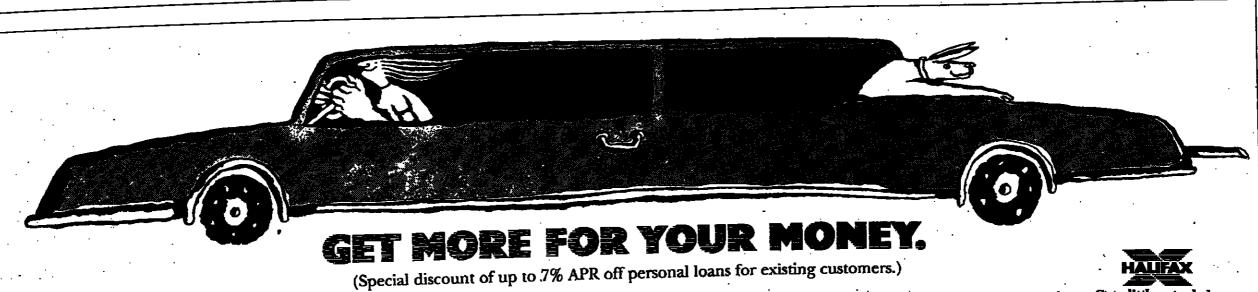
name." Martin Dooner still does not know what his Morris Minor Company in Doncaster, in business 15 years, will be called. He is also expecting to have to scrap £10,000 worth of colour sales catalogues just printed before the purge.

"Rover Group has never

never showed any interest in cars like the Morris Minor," he says. "Next thing we know, we are involved with the company and lawyers. At first, we thought it was a joke but we have been negotiating for a long time now and it certainly is no joke. We cannot even agree a new name with them."

ealers in historic Rovers have suffered worst as the carmaker moves to protect its copyright. Jonathan Wadham in the West Midlands describes himself as a cottage industry who deals in Rovers made between 1950 and 1977. He is involved in what seems to be an increasingly bitter legal feud with the company. Gordon Stacey's company. Rover Part of London, has become Motor Part of London at the cost of E5,000 for a new sign which, he was warned, could not contain Rover's marcon. Rover's inspection included a warning not to sell mudilaps

bearing the Rover logo. He says: "I understand their concern for their brands but it is the way it is happening.
Rover is losing a lot of good-will from people like me who have been dedicated to their brand for a long time. All we want is some time to adjust."



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A240 Banstead; restrictions on Reigate Road at the junction A244 Shepperton; contraflow on Upper Halliford Road, De-

lays in both directions. South East M4 junctions 10-12; lane closures from 10pm until 6am

to a single lane at times.

A4157 Aylesbury; roadworks with width restrictions at Oakfield Road Canal Bridge. A423 Banbury; lane restric-tions and temporary traffic

lights off-peak.
A21 Filmwell bypass; lane closures near the A260 junction. M20 junction 8; roadworks, with one lane closed. M25 junctions 6-10; restrictions over the 19-mile stretch.

 South West
 M5 junctions 17-20; lane restrictions both ways between Bristol West and Clevedon, especially over the Avonmouth

Bridge with a 50mph speed restriction. A3102 Swindon: Mannington roundabout - traffic down to a single lane. Long delays. A30 Between East and West Stour: traffic reduced to

A435 North Cemey: restrictions. Delays during peak

periods.
A3027 Taunton; temporary lights at North Street. Major delays in town centre.

 Midlands and East Anglia
 A632 near Chesterfield; local diversions on Langwith Road at Bolsover Lane, A18 Scunthorpe; Queens Way

M180 junctions 5-4; contraflow with two lanes eastbound and one westbound between Barnetby and Scawby.
A500 Stoke on Trent; road-works on The Queensway from

Talke to Porthill, with one lane open in both directions. A4123 Oldbury, off-peak daytime lane closures on the Newbury Road at Birchfield

A167M Newcastle; roadworks on the central motorway be-New Bridge Street roundabout. M6 junctions 20-21A; Three

M6 junctions 20-21A; Three narrow lanes in both directions near the Thelwall Viaduct, with some slip roads reduced to a single lane.

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M1 junction 47; major road-works with lane closures and a 30mph speed restriction around the Leeds junction.

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A470 Llyswen; temporary lights at Llangoed Hall. A550 Between Woodbank and Queensferry, narrow lanes and

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and contrailow between the
Heron roundabout and

Pontymoile.

A482 Aberaeron Upper Bridge closed with vehicles being diverted via A487 with temporary lights at the Panteg Road junction. Lengthy delays.

 Scotland A90 Aberdeen: restrictions on roundabouts both sides of the Bridge of Dee.

M8 junction 15; Westbound traffic restricted to three narrow lanes at the Townhead junction. Stirling Road westbound on-ramp is closed, along with the Castle Street eastbound off-ramp.

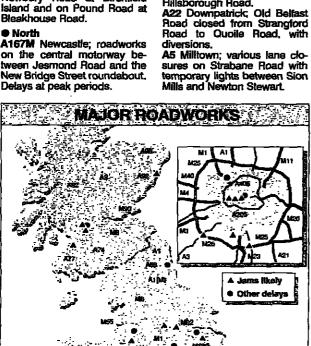
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 Northern Ireland dlymena; construction work on the Northern Distributor Road at North Road.

A55 Belfast Upper Malone Road closed to through traffic between Drumbeg Road and Dunmurray Lane. M1 junctions 10-11; traffic re-stricted to the hard shoulder in

A21 Comber; restrictions on Hillsborough Road. A22 Downpatrick; Old Belfast



Three-lane roads are death-traps for the innocents and the reckless alike. They must be replaced — and quickly

### Holiday roads to the cemetery

A ugust is a wicked month on the roads, especially those that lead to holiday spots. This is when millions of people who are in daily contact with motorways and dual carriageways find themselves on unfamiliar twisty bits of A and B road.

Last week on the A38 at Notter Bridge in east Cornwall, one of the busiest roads in the country at this time of year, there was an horrific accident which killed four people.

The accident happened on a threelane stretch of road, and you may not be surprised to hear that II people have now died on this stretch in the past 17 years. Local people have long campaigned for a dual carriageway and thought they had won, only for the Government to scrap the scheme when it took a knife to roadimprovement plans last year.

.My point is not about this road, but that three-lane roads in general are dangerous and the Department of Transport ought to be giving the highest possible priority to getting

The thinking behind three-lane

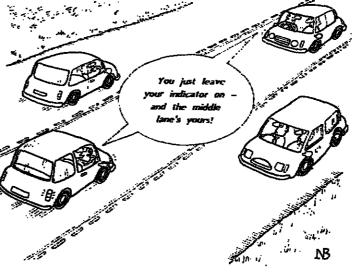




Peter Barnard

roads was that they would be useful in hilly areas, which is why they seem to occur most in popular tourist areas. There would be two lanes on the uphill side, the inside one for slow moving traffic.

This made perfect sense. Unfortu-nately the idea has been extended to places where the total road width is enough for three lanes (but not four). Even worse, there are some cases where an overtaking option appears to exist for traffic in both directions.



I have encountered three-lane roads which consist of two lanes separated by a broken white line and a third which has a broken line nearest the driver with a solid line alongside it. Paragraph 85 of the Highway Code says, "Where there are double white lines ... and the line nearest to you is broken, you may cross the line to overtake if it is safe." I take the view that any road layout which depends on the judg-

an inherent flaw. My overtaking, like yours, is of course brilliant: other people are the ones who can't overtake for toffee. So "provided it is safe" is a phrase which invites subjective judgment.

I sense that the proliferation of motorways and dual carriageways. so beneficial in most ways, has blunted our overtaking skills. There is no better place to see the effects of this than a three-lane road.

Stand on the verge near the end of

one of these stretches for an hour or two and you will see a breathtaking range of human folly. The huge white arrows on the tarmac for hundreds of yards before the road reverts to two lanes might as well be the scribblings of a toddler for all the

notice some people take.

They reckon they can get past just one more lorry, just one more caravan, just one more little old lady in a Fiesta. Thus they arrive at the single carriageway section still in the middle of the road, which by now is the wrong side of the road, and everyone inside them has to slam on the brakes to save their lives.

You may say that this is hardly the fault of the people who build roads. This would be all right if the only people who died in accidents were the ones who caused them. The reality is different. So let us

get rid of these killer roads. The best solution would be to lift the nearblanket ban on dual-carriageway building and allow them to be built where safety considerations are the overriding factor. Given that such a move is unlikely anytime soon, we should for now confine third lanes to slow traffic on uphill sections, with a crash barrier restricting downhill traffic to a single lane.

Until that happens, the old aphorism about three-lane roads applies: one takes you there, one takes you back and the middle one takes you to

# Key catch in theft cover

Insurance companies are refusing to pay out if you leave the ignition keys in the car, reports **Tony Dawe** 

ungry after a long day, Simon Collins, an oil company executive, stopped at a service station in semi-rural Surrey to buy a snack. Pondering over what to eat, he looked up to see that his BMW 5-series saloon had disappeared: stolen.

Worse was to follow. After two months' deliberation, his insurance company refused to both directions with 50mph pay out for the car valued at £11,500. It accused him of failing to take "reasonable care to safeguard his proper-

ty", because Collins had left the car keys in the ignition. His insistence that he had left the car for only a matter of seconds, had chosen a service station with a quick till for food purchases and could hardly expect a thief to strike made no difference.

Collins believes he is a victim of "sharp practice in the insurance industry" and is planning an appeal to the insurance ombudsman. His chances of success appear slim, however, for under current law motorists need an extraordinary reason for leaving their keys in the car if they are to persuade insurers to meet a theft claim.

"Anvone who leaves keys in the ignition is off to a bad start," says insurance ombudsman's spokesman Michael Lovegrove, but he adds that every case is decided on its merits and there may be extenuating circumstances.

Collins says: "The insurance world is out of touch with people's expectations, but if this is what it believes, it should spell out the message more clearly. Appropriate wording should be included in the terms and conditions of a policy to convey that leaving a car unattended for any length of time with the keys inside means that it will not be covered by the insurance should it be stolen." Collins's nightmare began

on a Thursday evening in spring when he called into a service station at Ewell, near Epsom. Surrey. "The BMW 530 was in full view of the shop but I didn't even have time to choose any food before I looked up and saw that it was

gone" he says.
"I hadn't left the car somewhere like Brixton High Street and this is the first occasion in 28 years of driving where I am looking for my insurance company to pay out."

Collins had dealt with AA Insurance Services which had found him a policy with GAN. Two months after he had seen his car for the last time, he received a

letter from P. F. Kerby, GAN's UK claims manager, who told him, "We must consider this to be a very clear breach of condition five of the policy, whereby you are required to take all

> reasonable steps to safeguard your property. Collins says that he never received terms and conditions to go with the policy, only a booklet from the AA and his certificate of insurance. He claims the company has ignored his requests for more information about condition

five and he accuses GAN of

"being cagey about the con-

tract" and of "wriggling out of

its responsibilites". The company denies the allegations. Neither has Collins obtained any sympathy from the AA, where Becky Hadley says: This case flags up the public's expectation that insurance companies will pay out in any circumstances, but frankly there is very little excuse for

not locking a car and for leaving the keys in the igni-tion. It's just the same as going on holiday and leaving the front door open."

Current law is based on a High Court ruling in 1989 which was upheld in the Court of Appeal and implied that an insurer could reject a claim only if a policyholder was guilty of gross or blatant negligence in looking after his

The Insurance Ombudsman has found, however, that motorists who leave car keys in the ignition "must be regarded as reckless of the risk involved" and cannot claim on their

policies.

Among the theft

claims he has con-

sidered and reject-

ed are one from a

man whose car

was stolen after he

went back into his

home to collect

something, leaving

He looked up from the shop: the BMW was gone

the keys in the ignition, and another from a motorist whose car disappeared after he left it in the garage overnight with the

Mr Lovegrove points out a few notable exceptions: an elderly man who had left his car to post a letter and was hit on the head by a villain who then stole his car did win his case; and a motorist who lived in a remote location and had regularly left the keys in the car for 15 years before it was stolen was also recompensed.

"It was decided that after behaving like that for so long without anything amiss happening he was not courting a known risk," Lovegrove says. But the message for motorists. unless they live on Lundy or Eigg, must be: lock up and take the keys whenever you



Fobbed off? Collins claims the insurance company was unfair for not warning him about leaving his car keys

#### Car crime risk drops for most

Cleveland still

the worst spot

leveland is still the car crime capital of Britain, despite the fact that thefts of cars there last year were down 18 per cent from the peak in 1994, writes Alan Copps. Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, the West Midlands and South Wales are other places where car crime is greatest, according to a survey

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by Royal Insurance Direct. But the good news is that overall the trend in car crime continued downwards in 1995. The Government's "hyena" campaign, stressing the need for security and vigilance, gives grounds for optimism that this year's figures will show a further drop.

The autocrime league table L is compiled by comparing the number of car crimes. theft of and from motor vehicles, with the local car population to assess the risk in each area.

It shows that in 29 of the 42 police regions in England and Wales car crime was reduced, a national drop of 4 per cent. All three of the most risky areas showed a decrease but not sufficient to shift them down the table. Avon and Somerset, Humberside and Gwent, showed decreases of at least 15 per cent. Avon and Somerset, which headed the table in 1993 has now dropped to eighth.

In contrast, Cambridgeshire with an increase of 24 per cent, Merseyside (17 per cent) and West Midlands (6 per cent) emerged as car crime blackspots.

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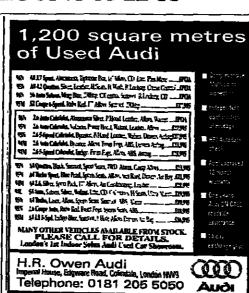
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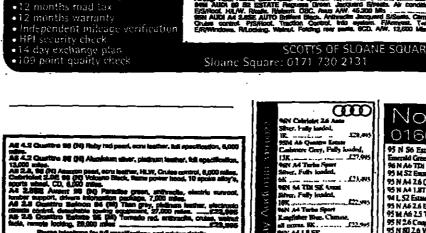
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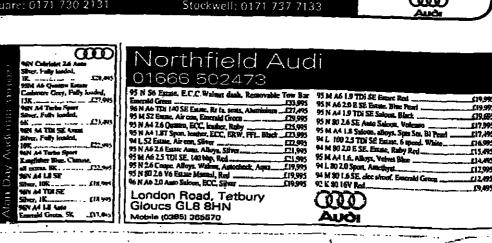
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### The racing Jaguar to die for goes to auction today says Alan Copps



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caused a sensa-tion. That sleek shape, so often cited even now as the perfect sports car, just had to go racing. But at the time Jaguar had no works team, the glory days of Le Mans in the 1950s

were a receding memory.

So it was private entrants, that eccentric breed who made the racing scene of the 1950s and 1960s so colourful and varied, who took up the challnge. One of these men, John Coombs, became the first customer to take delivery of an E-Type in April 1961 and immediately set about establishing the aerodynamic Coventry car as a serious rival to the Ferraris and Aston Martins which held sway in sports

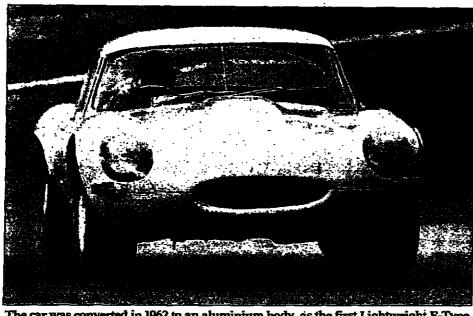
That car, 4 WPD, became the first Lightweight E-Type. tuned and prepared for racing. with the help of the factory's competition department, yet still a road car under the skin. In the story of racing E-Types it is regarded as 'First Among Equals' and today it is being offered for sale at the Coys Festival auction at Silverstone with a guide price of up to £550,000 — an astonishing price for a car which, when it went on sale, was hailed as the "first affordable grand tourer and cost just £2,097.

This is the E-Type to die for, driven by more famous names than any other at a time when sports car and GT racing became a battle for supremacy between the "big cat" from Coventry and the "leaping horse" from Maranello. It only just won its claim to be the first E-Type delivered, since it was driven from the Coventry facthe Oulton Park circuit in Cheshire in company with another E-Type destined for Tommy Sopwith's Equipe En-deavour. The driver of the second car stopped for a chat with a friend just as he entered the circuit and so Coombs's car was the first to be handed

In its first race at Oulton Park, in virtually standard form, it was driven to third place by Roy Salvadori in a driver Dan Gurney.

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# E-Type legend goes under the hammer



The car was converted in 1962 to an aluminium body, as the first Lightweight E-Type

contest won spectacularly by Graham Hill in the Sopwith car. Salvadori went on to win other races in its first season. The following year in the hands of Graham Hill it gave the legendary Ferrari 250 the Italian car, built for competition, had the edge over what was a production road Jaguar. In the winter of 1962, 4 WPD turned into the first Lightweight, with aluminium replacing its steel body and power boosted to 344bhp. In Hill's hands it proved unbeatable in British events the following year. It was testdriven by Jack Brabham and raced by the great American

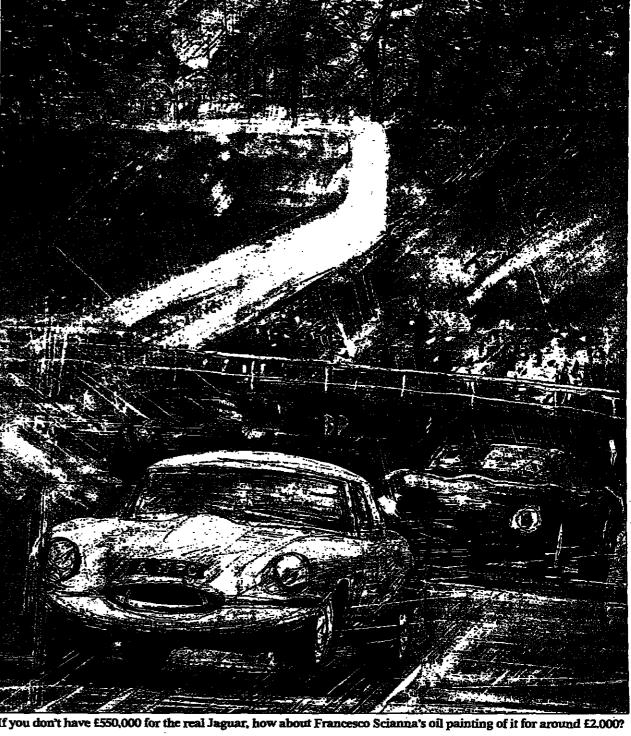
In its fourth season of racemerged from the Ferrari 250LM and the mighty AC Cobra with its huge American V8 engine, John Coombs was persuaded by 'Lofty' England, department to give a new young driver a chance in it.

ackie Stewart won his first race in 4 WPD at Crystal Palace, a notable showing of the early promise that led eventually to three world drivers' championships. The following year, in the hands of another promising youngster Brian Redman. who went on to become one of the great sports car drivers of

the era, it won 21 races. Then after one more season of club racing it was stored for the best part of 23 years and is remarkabiy original.

It is a perfect centrepiece for sale which forms part of a toric racing dedicated to keep-ing alive the entertaining spirit that characterised that bygone era and contrasts so strongly with the ruthless onalism and sponsorship that dominates today's

top-level events.
The auction contains a number of other cars which would be perfect for the Coys style of historic racing - which is one of the fastest developing areas of motor sport and ranges



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from one-war racers to last. Alfa Romeo once owned by year's cars. There is a 1936. Maserati 6 CM driven to a notable series of victories by Count Trossi; a 1937 HRĞ which won its class at Le Mans in 1939 and one of the earliest Ferraris ever made, a 1947 166 Spider Corsa which is estimated to attract bids of around £300,000.

Road cars include a 1949

film star Tyrone Power and a rare Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing from 1956, while among later models there is a Jaguar XJR-15, the roadgoing version of the car that won Le Mans in 1988, a rebodied Ford GT40 - another roadgoing Le Mans winner, and the Lister-Jaguar Storm GTi which ran

**COYS FESTIVAL** THE COYS International Historic Festival attracts more spectators to Silverstone than any other event apart from the British Grand Prix. Today and tomorrow there are 15 races for cars ranging from at Le Mans last year. pre-war grand prix machines to historic racing

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include MG, which has its own race, the Abingdon Trophy, on Sunday morning. Stirling Moss will be at the wheel of an MGB, 6 DBL, which won the Autospon chamolonship in 1963. He faces a strong challenge from its sister car, 8 DBL which will be driven by former British Touring car Champion Frank Sytner. MOSS is one of the two fastest drivers ever in an MG. Nearly 40 years ago he claimed five international class speed records in the experimental car EX181, at up

to 245mph. As well as the

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Sunday race there will be track parades of landmark MGs on both days. ■ THE OTHER featured marque is Brabham. The largest collection of these cars ever gathered will

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### Family race team that's four-fifths female

Vaughan Freeman on the girl fanatics weaned on classic competition machines

aving their baby bottles heated on the radiators of their parents' cars was the somewhat eccentric introduction to the world of classic motor racing for Alex, Tania and Erika Pilkington.

A few years on, having put the baby bottles behind them, the three Pilkington sisters are now more at home behind the steering wheel of famous historic grand prix cars than sitting in the shadow of the engine having their lunches warmed. This weekend all three, together with their father Richard, and mother Trisha acting as team manager, will be racing at the Silverstone track as part of the Coys Historic Festi-

val motoring weekend.
Alex, 26, and Tania, 30. will be at the wheel of the Alfa Romeo 1750 Tourist Trophy car that won the Irish Grand Prix at Phoenix Park in 1929. They raced the same car at the same event last year with such aplomb that their effort was part of the winning team competi-

tion, despite being mas-sively outpowered by larger-engined Erika, Tania's twin, will be co-

driving a friend's three-litre 1925 Bentley, while Richard will be piloting his 1950 Talbot-Lago, which fivetimes world champion Juan Manuel Fangio drove at Le Mans in 1953. As well as racing one of the dozen

or so vintage cars housed in their parents' Totnes Motor Museum, all three girls also run their own classics, the newest of which is Tania's 1978 Alfa Romeo Spider. Erika is to be seen in a more elderly Austin Seven Ulster, and Alex in her diminutive

1934 Riley Imp.
How did it all start? Alex, who drives a Mini Moke for her everyday transport and works as a public relations consultant in London, says: "We didn't have any choice in it really. I remember coming home from school and us all being piled into the car with the tent and the oily

"We had to learn how to fix the cars because we were always rold that we

could only bend them if we knew how to mend them. The first car I drove was the Austin Seven that Erika has now, when I was eight. I was told that I could drive it when I could reach the pedals, and came back with three cushions and a jerry can to boost me so I could reach them."

The venture ended in dismay when the car lurched backwards, denting the rear. "We also used to drive a half-sized electric Bugatti up and down the museum. It was just such fun there was no choice in not doing it. Perhaps if we had all been boys we would think twice about it."

Alex raced first when she was 19 at Silverstone but also enjoys longer trips, such as a rally through France in We used the Austin Seven with Erika. "We were doing to heat our pathetic female bit and letting people help us. their baby Then somebody spotted us taking the cylinder head off and the game bottles on was up. We didn't get much more help after engines' that. People are very helpful though and there are lots more women involved in the

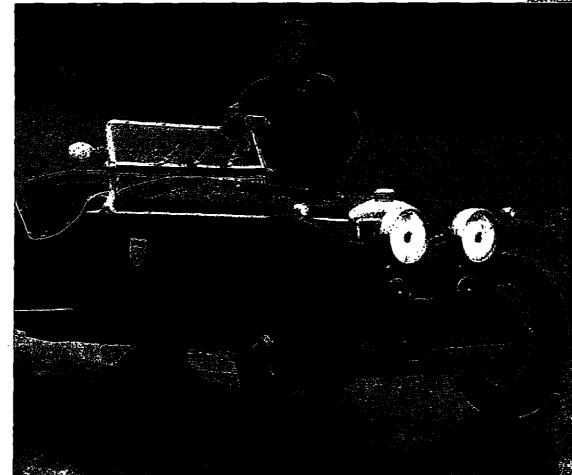
> Like us, their families have been involved in it for a long time and they too get involved."
> While Alex concedes that her father Richard and mother Trisha are more than generous in allowing their high-

sport than most people might think.

speed daughters to race cars from the iseum collection, there is still one car that Alex has yet to get her hands on, her father's Fangio Talbot-Lago. "I have been trying to get into that car but none of us have been allowed

to get close to it yet," she says. "I'm aware that it is incredibly heavy but I think mostly he's worried about letting one of us drive it in case we go faster than him." So for now, Alex is content with her

Riley Imp. "I use the Mini Moke to drive to work in but, instead of buying a house, I persuaded my parents to part with the Riley Imp which is a lovely little car, though not big enough to sleep in and it's not really a racer."



Alex Pilkington with her 1934 Riley Imp: "It's a lovely little car, though it's not big enough to sleep in."

think Erika and Tania thought that the motor racing was anything out of the ordinary because it was just a way of life for them. We would go to events when they were just habies and we would all be staying in the tent and I remember we used to heat their baby bottles on the radiators of

the cars. "It was our way of life and I don't think they thought anything more about it. They all got involved eventually though, and went into hock to buy their own cars.

They all do their own mechanical work on the cars themselves and they can all change engines and headgaskets and that sort of thing. All of them are very good mechanics, and 1 Pilkington's all-consuming love affair Trisha recalls: "Initially, I don't am pretty sure now that we are the

only family that has five people in it racing, of which four are girls." This weekend Trisha will be reluc-

tantly forsaking her usual place. which would be at the wheel of her 1932 Alfa Romeo Monza, to be promoted - "or relegated, I don't know which" - to team manager.

he will also spend her time hosting visitors to her TOPS tent, the organisation run by the Pilkingtons to provide fun race events for enthusiasts and whose sponsors include Alfa Romeo, Michelin the tyremakers and French

garage firm, Ecurie Cathare. Sadly, one element of the

year after more than a quarter of a century. In its peak times, as many as 40,000 visitors annually visited their motor museum in Totnes. Come October though the doors will close for the last time and they will sell off much of the collection, including motorcycles and automobilia as well as the cars; from Bentleys and Rolls-Royces to a Jaguar XKi20, Alfa Romeo Giulietta, Wingfield Jaguar D-Type and a Riley Lynx Sprite. Trisha says: "We will keep all the

cars we race and the ones we are particularly attached to, like the Alfas and Talbots. Otherwise I don't know where we will put everything. We only opened the museum because the attic was full and it's still full, so it with vintage cars comes to an end this will have to go somewhere."

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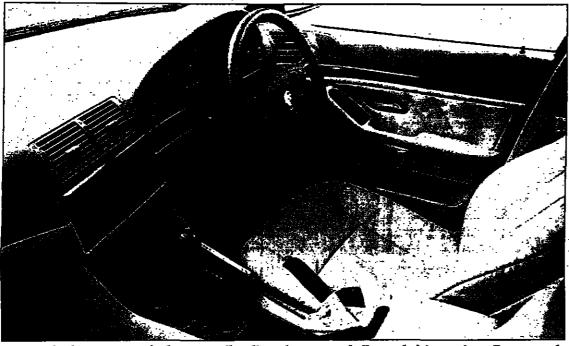
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# BMW's new 5-series: too clever by half

t took a couple of hours, but I found it — the fault. You see, BMW's new 5series is so damn near perfect that the challenge became to find one thing, just

one thing wrong with it.
I had four hours of whizzing along rural French roads in the two variants - the entrylevel 520i and the muscular 540i — gradually settling into a reverie as I listened to those glorious engines and prodded the dashboard switches. But it was all a bit too easy.

Give a motoring correspondent an even break, chaps: I have to find 829 words to fill out this space and what am I supposed to write about when the car is faultless? A man needs a few glitches to get into his stride and there are precious few jokes in perfection. Neither is there any hope for a piece which gushes furiously all over the Germans a month after that penalty shoot-out.

But there is no alternative: praise in heaps it must be, I'm afraid. So, dear reader, feel free to turn to page seven if it all becomes too much for you or prepare to cringe, for I am about to gush without mercy or shame (and without so much as a decent BMWprovided lunch to inspire me on this occasion).

BMW changed 12,571 components (someone in Munich obviously got a calculator for Christmas) to build an all-new car for the latest 5-series, and the results are stunning. Don't take my word for it, because just about everyone who has driven anything from the range droots, and many consider the 5-series the best car in the world. Even better than a Mercedes E-class? Or a junior Jaguar? No doubt about it: the 5-series is simply fantastic.

The styling is gorgeous, the interiors cossetting, the equipdrive wondrous, the engines fabulous ... er, I think I will have to go for a cold shower and a lie down.

The new six-cylinder two-litre - which will be the base car in the range - is the best in its segment, the engine plenty powerful for impressive acceleration and a happy and unstrained cruising speed.

BMW says that new tyres
containing silica tread not
only knock 2 per cent off fuel
consumption — helping the 520i to an average 31 miles to the gallon - but also reduce noise by 33 per cent. The car is

> Everyone who has driven the series drooled

mightily quiet and relaxing at motorway speeds with no wind noise and little tyre roar, the engine just giving a comforting growl on acceleration.

The interiors are a lesson in understated ergonomics: comfortable and easily adjusted seats, good all-round vision, extremely good switches and controls, and a BMW stereo system which should be an award winner for its absolute

simplicity.

The feeling of solidity is remarkable: when that door thunks shut, it is like locking the gates on a five-star nuclear bunker, you feel so safe and secure. Apart from standard driver and passenger airbags, cars from September get sideimpact bags too, while every car gets anti-skid control and

equipment just to underline

And the driving is wonderful, everything from the steer-ing to the brakes is accurate and measured. If the 520i is clean-cut and good at its job, a sort of Roger Black of the car Olympics, the new 4.4-litre is all power and controlled aggression, a Donovan Bailey, the new 100 metres world record holder, sculptured in

The 540i comes with either a six-speed manual or BMW's latest automatic box, which incorporates its five-speed Steptronic sequential semi-automatic gearbox for drivers who want to slip into sporting mode; just push the gear lever to the left into the Steptronic slot, then push the stick forward to go up the gears and back to go down.

The automatic kick-down is Steptronic adds more flexibility and increases opportunities to hear that V8 roar with the judicious use of the right foot.

That's it, then: that's enough praise on one day for any manufacturer, even BMW. The BMW 5-series is a very good car and I am saying no more about it, except to add that those of you lucky enough to have £23,000 or more to spend should hesitate no longer and get yourself straigh down to your local BMW dealer and order a 5-series

now before they sell out. What? Oh, the fault. What about the fault, the editor asks. Uhin, the entrance to the boot is not very wide. Well, it's not narrow but it doesn't seem very wide to me, anyway. That's it, that's all I could find to pick an argument with. Not very good is it? But I'm doing my best. It's not my fault . . .

### Stopped in the nick of time

**James** 

Luckhurst joins in an

advanced police drivers'

training course

Police chases may look great on TV dramas, but the real-life problem of stopping a fleeing criminal is a lot more complex, as the tragic case of the policeman who killed nurse Judith Hood during a high-speed pursuit illustrated. The danger of highspeed pursuits has prompted police forces to look long and hard at their tactics, and to devise a package that is safer for everyone: police, suspect and and motoring public.

Inspector Rhys Edwards, of Surrey Police, says: "With our new system, a police driver simply would not turn blue lights and sirens on immediately, to try to re-

duce the feeling of urgency which can lead to unnecessarily fast driving. whether you're a police officer or a

On a training exercise with WPC Anne Bradley and driver Dave Ashin rural worth Kent, the team

takes up the chase on a king of our cars, a strong "suspect" red Sierra. Kent emphasis on teamwork and driving instructor Nick Moon says the driver must keep up with the suspect vehicle, but not take unnecessary risks.

"The question of whether or not to use sirens is in some ways difficult: as soon as you turn them on and a suspect does not intend stopping, there's sure to be an immediate increase in speed. Leaving the sirens off keeps the pursuit calmer, but there's little warning to motorists who may be

up ahead." In this instance, Dave and Anne immediately instigate the procedures they've been taught and start thinking about how and when they will stop the suspect. Radio communication with headquarters is about to start training its



Police set up a "static-stop" roadblock to seal off a motorway and intercept offenders

moments of the exercise beginning, there are plans in hand to bring it to a safe conclusion. Teamwork is vital to the success of the overall scheme developed by Surrey Police and now adopted by 26 forces in Britain.

Tactical Pursuit and Containment (TPAC) emerged as a result of various working groups, experiments and recom-

mendations fol-

lowing a dramatic

rise in vehicle pur-

suits in the early

Blue lights and sirens can start a chain of

"TPAC goes be-yond a safe pursuit," explains Inspector Edwards.
The training proevents gramme embraces higher-profile mar-

tactics that are approved by the Association of Chief Police Officers as best practice," says Inspector Edwards. But no matter how many

precautions are taken, the risks of a chase are high. "A pursuit may be over in minutes. During such a short time it is not always possible to marshall the resources necessary to implement TPAC tac-

tics," says Inspector Edwards. Commander Bert Aitchison of the Metropolitan Police now oversees the training programme for instructors. Although a majority of forces put their instructors through TPAC training, it's not mandatory. The Metropolitan Police are now on the A26 and sirens drivers that something's going

Bradley-Taylor's descrip-tion of the chase is vital for two reasons: it gives her colleagues information about the speed, direction and possible intentions of the sus-

an hour. Stinger was devel-oped in the United States and has been used by many forces

PC Nick Moon and the Stinger

Inspector Edwards points to a dramatic fall in vehiclerelated crime since the introduction of TPAC. "We have had 70 real-life pursuit scenarios since TPAC was introduced in Surrey. There have been no injuries and no vehicles written off as a result."

Back in Kent, WPC Bradley-

Taylor is describing the scene.

are being used to warn other on. "Request permission to deploy Stinger," Bradley-Tay-lor calls on her radio.

pect and, as it is being recorded, it can form a vital part of the prosecution evidence in Meanwhile, a few miles ahead, another police officer is removing a large black attache case from the boot of his patrol car and pulling out what looks like a cross between an accordion and a barbed wire fence. This is Stinger, a spiked mat that can be thrown quickly across the path of a suspect vehicle, causing controlled deflation of its tyres to the point where it would be impossible to travel at more than 20 miles

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However, there is still some scepticism about conducting so much of the TPAC training on public roads. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has called for as much off-road training as possible, so that contact with the public is minimised. "The police need to be in a position to amtent the nublic but there

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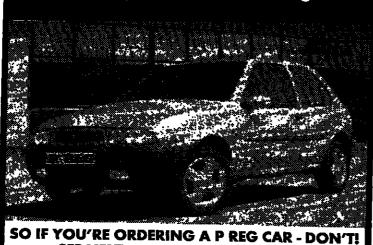
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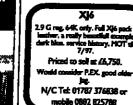
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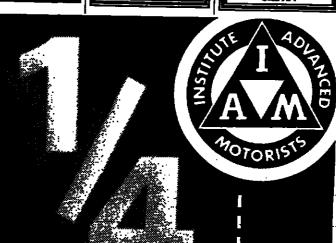
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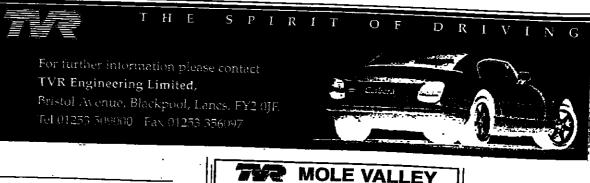
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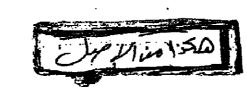
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a steering wheel with an airbag would help put a higher price on a model on a used-car forecourt. That means some motorists could buy vehicles which are potentially unsale, believing that they will be protected by an airbag. A stolen airbag is unlikely to work, however, because the mechanism needs more than just the steering wheel unit to function.

Apart from the bag, which fits into the steering wheel, the entire system is governed by a series of electronic sensors in the bumpers, a deceleration sensor which detects sudden braking or impacts, plus a computer within the enginemanagement system. Without all that equipment, the airbag is useless.

ty innovation of recent times, fitted into the steering wheels of cars and designed to explode in a crash, inflating with 30 litres of gas within 40 milliseconds of impact. The bags, which can also be fitted to passenger compartments. are credited with saving thousands of lives and protecting many more motorists from serious injuries, by cushioning them from the rim of the steering wheel and stopping

Reports of thefts have prompted fears for second-hand car buyers' safety, says Kevin Eason

#### Danger alert over airbag snatchers

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have been reported in some of the worst car-crime areas in Liverpool, Newcastle and Manchester. The association repair code for its patrol staff

RAC spokesman Peter Brill ays, "We are deeply concerned about something which seems to be a new and growing trend. We have traced this phenomenon across the United States and often wondered whether it would make

"The crime is still in its earliest stages and we hope thieves will realise they are wasting their time. There are dangers not only for the motorists involved but for the thieves too because airbags are devices which use a form of controlled explosion to work. Any tampering could have dramatic effects.

Ford has fitted more than a million airbags to its cars on sale in Britain since 1993, and is warning against tampering with the elaborate electronics and mechanics that control the safety system.

A spokesman said: "An airbag is not just an airbag. The entire system has sensors in the bumpers, a deceleration sensor and a mechanism to inflate the bag. Just to take the bag out of the steering wheel or take the steering wheel with the airbag in it is no good at all. It just will not work.

"Motorists who are buying a second-hand car with an

airbag should always check the airbag warning light to ensure that it works as part of their check on any secondhand car whose history they are not sure of."

However, the AA is yet to have any airbag thefts report-ed by its patrolmen and be-lieved that such incidents could be isolated. A spokesman warned: "We do not want to get too carried away and end up advertising a new form of theft. We have heard of the same thing happening in the United States but so far it has not happened here and we do

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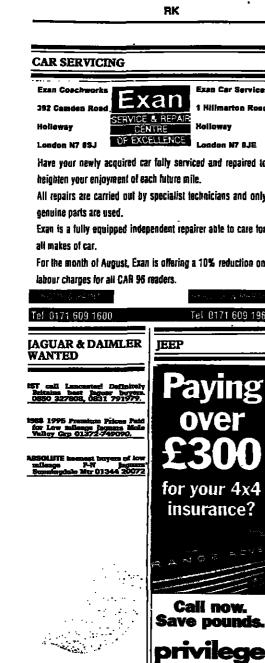
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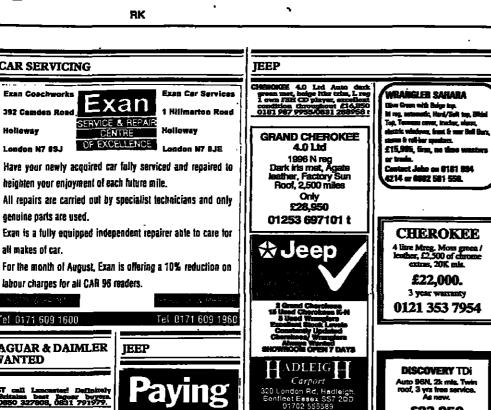
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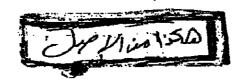
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# No truck with poor drivers

New hotlines to report bad truckers show motorists at fault too, says Jenny Knight

ngry motorists who call hotlines to report terrible truck drivers are being tactfully told: "Sorry, you're the ones who can't drive

Some of the complainants learn their angry reaction is just the result of the typical car driver's ignorance about the amount of space lorries need to manoeuvre.
The good lorry code set up

by the Freight Transport Association is set to go national this month. So far 1,500 vehicles have registered with the pilot scheme and 570 people have rung the freephone number after seeing the "Well Driven?" badge on vehicles. Now a leaflet explaining how lorries swing when cornering or going round a roundabout is being produced to send to a minority of callers, diplomati-cally giving them a few driv-

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Dave Timson of Safeway, which is a member of the FTA scheme, says: "Some drivers are unaware of the turning circle big vehicles need. Motorists try to nip up the side as they go round a roundabout when the lorry swings they think they are being deliberately cut up. Our drivers were initially a bit sceptical, thinking we were checking up on them, but we have found 50 per cent of calls from the public praise them."

The Well Driven? hotline vas launched six months ago along with the rival line, DriveCare. The idea of the public phoning in to report bad driving comes from America where it has resulted in a 25 per cent drop in fatalities involving commercial vehicles. Both of the organisations



Problems articulated: lorry drivers feared the hotlines would lose them their jobs, but British motorists have rung up to praise as well as criticise

provide stickers and 24-hour incoming call monitoring. The most common griev-

ance is motorists saying they have been cut up, followed by complaints of tail-gating. All messages are passed on to the member companies to investigate. Major companies including Sainsbury, Safeway, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, Esso and Shell subscribe to the Good Lorry Code, while

Autoglass, Body Shop and British Midland Airways have signed up with DriveCare. Some of the more unexpected public complaints have been successfully resolved. One motorist who moaned about heavy lorries blocking the road as they queued to be unloaded was delighted to

hear the supermarket had changed its delivery times to limit obstruction. Sadly the motorist who used

his mobile to call DriveCare to complain about a party of football supporters who were "mooning" up the motorway in the back of a coach, received little satisfaction. John Slatcher, managing

director of Sheerings coach company says: "The man said he could see some bare backsides pressed to the rear window. We found they were supporters from Bolton Wanderers but we couldn't hold the driver responsible. It's the sort of situation he couldn't do anything about. Generally we have had a high level of compliments about drivers

who slacken off the speed to let motorists who are boxed in to change lane, or who just show a high level of courtesy. We take up all complaints and compliments with the drivers. If one driver had a pattern of complaints about cutting up or abusive behaviour we would see he was retrained."

ne report about a child driving a massive lorry also led to no action investigation revealed that the "child" was a slight woman with a short haircut.

DriveCare has fielded two calls from the police reporting poor driving. In both cases the police decided to leave the lorry drivers to face their employers rather than speeding after them. DriveCare's David Jackson says: "The police phoned us while they were escorting a wide load up the motorway. A driver nipped in between the police car and the wide-load vehicle and then swerved out almost immediately. When he was confronted he had to confess to his

had been particularly stupid. "We have found that tailgating is something which frightens many motorists. Often the lorry drivers have no idea that driving too close has such an intimidating effect. but we also try to remind the public that commercial vehicles are not allowed to use the outside lane of a motorway

manager that his behaviour

slowed to avoid him.

and if drivers hog the middle lane when they could pull into the inside lane it is very frustrating."
When the schemes started,

many lorry drivers were wor-ried their jobs might be endangered by frivolous complaints. Few predicted the British public's predilection for handing out merit marks. Two happy drivers from British Gas were praised by their boss after DriveCare passed on thanks both from a woman who was helped when she ran out of petrol and from a motorcyclist who admitted he had been travelling towards a junction travel at supersonic speed. much too fast. He reckoned his life was saved by the British Gas driver who skilfully

Alan Copps unveils our classic team

#### Car 96 team takes Jaguars to the skills test

1955 Jaguar Mk VII once owned by the Queen Mother and the Series I XJS saloon which was the personal car of the company's founder. Sir William Lyons, in 1969 will be among the entries in the Motor City Challenge in Coventry at the end of the month.

These two, together with a 1948 Mk V Jaguar and a modern Jaguar saloon will form the team entered by Car 96 for this test of driving skill in which the emphasis will be on manouevring ability and safety rather than on speed.

Jaguar, one of the makers still based in the city where Britain's motor industry was founded, has provided the cars as part of its contribution towards Motor in the City, the three-day event which celebrates Coventry's link with the industry on its 100th

anniversary. Motor in the City, for which The Times and Car 96 is the official media partner, centres on three events. There is a parade of cars made in the city during the last 100 years, the Mayflower Shakespeare Run - an annual rally through the countryside which features classic machinery — and the Motor City Challenge. Driv-ers for *The Times* team will include Kevin Eason, motoring editor, and Alan Copps,

editor of Car 96. Supporting events throughout the weekend of August 30, 31 and September 1 will in-clude a festival of films featuring cars. SEGA car computer games, a Scalextric competition. Eurosport remote-con-trolled cars, the Pirelli rally car simulator and possibly the simulator for Thrust SSC, Britain's world land speed record contender designed to

30th August to 1st September 1996

The driving skills contest is open to anyone no matter how experienced a driver or what make of car they have. All proceeds will go to BEN, the motor industry's charity. Entries are sought from individuals as well as from teams of three or more, who may represent clubs, companies or just groups of friends. There are a number of categories so everyone has the chance to win something.

There will be classes for new drivers, women drivers, disabled drivers, drivers of unusual cars, of classic cars of the current Coventry marques Jaguar, Peugeot and Rover and of older Coventry marques more than 100 different companies have figured in the city's automotive history.

The competition will take drivers over a 90-mile road course through the country-side around Coventry, visiting a series of sites which have historic connections with the car industry. Many of the sites will feature tests of competitors' control, navigational and manouevring skills that have been devised by the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

To enter, all you have to do is telephone the organisers on 0121-378-2828 or write to them at the address below. They can provide full details of the skills challenge and a timeta-

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David Long meets the campaigner dedicated to injured and orphaned animal victims of careless drivers

# Major in defence of hedgehogs

fter retiring from the army and founding the British Hedgehog Preservation Society to care for sick, injured and orphaned animals, Major Adrian Coles was nicknamed "Major Hedgehog" by former comrades in the Parachute Brigade who continued to regard Erinaceus europaeus merely as a source of nutrition for troops

surviving behind enemy lines. His daughter's discovery of a starving hedgehog trapped in a cattle grid in 1982 led the 10,000strong society to campaign for escape ramps to be installed beneath the grids. These are now mandatory in many counties, but road traffic remains a major threat

How did you first learn to drive?

In the Army where we drove Jeeps, which were plentiful and very much in vogue after the last war.

What was your first car?

It was a Mini, or "baby Austin" as we called it in those days. It was new — quite something for a young man. I paid cash for it, including an extra £12 for a Smiths heater. This meant it was rather special and very popular with the girls.

What car do you drive now, and

I have driven Volvos for many years and now have a large, standard saloon. As a county councillor and member of the local police authority. I need a car that is

Do you like driving?

No, not really. These days it is only a means to get from A to B.



Major Adrian Coles with his reliable Volvo: "The usual response for many people must be to drive straight at animals on the road."

Although I would rather drive than be driven it would never occur to me to just go out for a drive.

What is your most hated car? Old bangers, all of them. I worry

that they are unsafe and could lose

a wheel and cause an accident. What is your dream car? I do not have one. If I won the Lottery I suppose I would get

interested in getting a Rolls-Royce or some sort of racing car. What is your worst habit in the

another, newer Volvo but i am not

sometimes get flashed at by oncoming motorists and realise I am still on full-beam which I know can be very annoving.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

Tail-gaters, particularly lorry drivers who look like they will not be able to stop in time. Also, when I am in a hurry and needing to overtake, motorists who bunch up in groups of five or six instead of spacing themselves sensibly.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

Slowed down to avoid an animal. That might not seem unusual but given the huge numbers killed on

the road one can only assume that the usual response for many people is to drive straight at them.

Have you ever had points on your

Many, many years ago I was stopped at random, breath-tested, given a small fine and banned for the minimum of one year. The money was neither here nor there but the ban hurt me a great deal. People are more sensible now and, quite rightly, there has been a change in the social climate.

What do you listen to in your car?

British Hedgehog Preservation As a local politician I find my local Society, Knowbury House, station, BBC Radio Shropshire, Knowbury, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3LO

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you were Secretary of State for

Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

After my own experience I would

make more frequent use of licence-

withdrawal as a deterrent. I would

also replace the road-fund licence

with heavier duties on fuel and

What is your favourite car

Some are very clever. The Renault

series with Papa and Nicole is

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#### So now we are facing Toad rage?

I was driving through the countryside the other day and saw a warning sign. a red triangle with a picture of a toad in the middle. Is it something to do with real reptiles or a reference to The Wind in the Willows?

It means you should slow A down because you are approaching a place where toads have to cross the road.

Have you been at the surgieal spirit doctor? How can toads be a motoring hazard?

If a lot of toads got squarement on the same bit of road there If a lot of toads got squashed would be a danger that cars might skid on the ... er ... remains. But the main point is to protect rare species from extinction.

You mean that story about Mr Toad was true. They really do lack road sense?

A Some toaus us usual notably the natterjacks, are Some toads in this country, migratory. They all follow the same path to breeding sites usually in the middle of the night and risk being wiped out in large numbers.

So why don't rabbits and hedgehogs, which are much more common and are always getting squashed by cars, have similar signs to protect them?

Toads are creature of the places where they cross Toads are creatures of habit, the road are predictable. On some new roads special tunnels have been built to let them pass safely. The poor hedgehogs and bunnies pop up all over the place and there's no way of knowing where to put the warning signs.

What should I do if I see a What should 1 do 11 1 see a hedgehog, rabbit or some other animal sitting in the path of

There's not a lot you can do. Whatever you do don't swerve to avoid it. That way you risk losing control of the car. You could endanger your own life as well other road users.

You mean I should just carry on and cheerfully squash the poor creature?

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A Unfortunately the answer is yes, but try not to be cheerful because the toll is appalling. More than five times as many foxes -100,000 — die in road accidents ( than are killed by hunts each year; 40,000 badgers die every year, 100,000 hedgehogs and another 100,000 rabbits, 5,000 barn owls and more than a million toads.

That advice is ludicrous.

What if the animal is very big, like a cow or a deer?

Then you could be in trouble. A Norwich Union says hitting a large animal can cause enough damage to force them to write off a car. Claims jump at this time of year because even if motorists avoid running in to the animal they swerve and hit something else.

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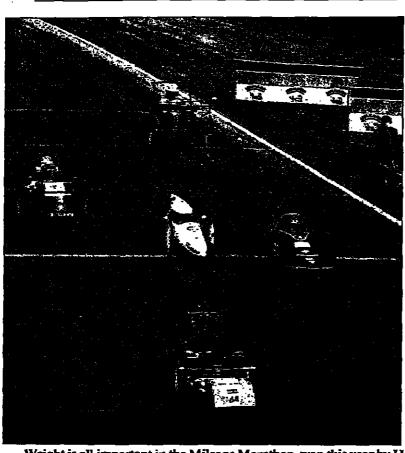
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Jennai Cox on the measured pace of the fuel-efficiency competition, heading for the 10,000mpg barrier





Weight is all-important in the Mileage Marathon, won this year by Honda's 30kg carbon-fibre monocoque-chassis car (right)

## Cruising on the whiff of an oil-rag

ith three bicycle-size wheels, bodywork resembling a toothpaste tube and so light it can be lifted with one hand, the Japanese Team 1200 vehicle last month became the most fuel-efficient car in the world.

In an event described as the "Xfiles of the motoring world" a team of five Honda factory workers beat 80 competitors from around the world for the second year to achieve 5.348 miles per gallon in their 30kg carbon-fibre monocoque-chassis car. The most economical vehicle on the open road, according to the Guiness Book of Records, is the Honda Civic ETI, which did 85.96mpg in the Round-Britain economy test in 1993.

What is now known as the Shell Helix Mileage Marathon started 50 years ago as a test for family saloon cars. By the 1960s engines were modified, pushing performance to 365mpg and in 1976 a group of enthusiasts using cycles and motorthe 1,000mpg barrier.

Today the vehicles are driven ten miles round a circuit with a fixed amount of fuel which is measured after ten laps. Motor manufactur-ers, engine hobbyists and technology students have joined the quest for the 10,000mpg car.

A team of students from Cranfield managed 1,097mpg on the one-mile oval at Mallory Park in Leicester 20 years ago. Six years later four machines achieved 2,000mpg and in 1988 a vehicle built by two Honda technicians achieved 6,409mpg. The unbeaten world record was set by a French team, Lycee la Joliverie A. which reached 7.951mpg.

Vehicles challenging that record need to be aerodynamic, small-engined, extremely lightweight and driven by miniature pilots. The RAC gives the event special dispensation so that children as young as

Wilson, weighing 4st 9lbs.
The winning Honda vehicle is no longer than a Mini, 26in wide and

22in high. Clad in slippery panels to minimise wind resistance, it runs on a 30cc magnesium engine. The six-stroke cycle engine (the design for which came to the team leader in a dream) ensures that gasses are expelled more regularly than in a road car.

Drivers use a "coast and burn' technique to get the most out of every drop of fuel and although the average speed must be 15mph, corners are turned as quickly as possible without braking to make maximum use of the momentum.

What started as no more than a game is gradually producing information that could be used to build ; more fuel-efficient road cars. Honda says some of the technology, such as the computer-controlled engine, could soon be

## Used MoT'd cars exposed as death-traps

ears about the safety of the increasing number of old bangers on Brit-ain's roads are being raised after a survey revealed that all the cars purchased in a study by consumer watchdogs were unroadworthy.

The team from Devon county council found defective handbrake cables, insecure brake pipes, serious steering faults and extensive rust in the cars which were all sold with current MoT certificates.

The findings come as new statistics show that more than 2.4 million cars over nine years old were sold last year. an increase of 146 per cent in four years and far greater than sales of new cars, which reached only 1.9 million.

What has been discovered in Devon can in all probability be mirrored across the rest of country." warns Richard Seddon, Devon's public proWatchdogs discovered serious

faults in all the aged second-hand forecourt bargains they tested, say

Tony Dawe and Kevin Eason

The exercise was a unique way of gauging the availability of dangerous cars exposed for sale at the lower end of the market and also questions the reliance which motorists place

upon the MoT test." The dozen cars were all bought from second-hand car dealers by the team of trading standards officers which regularly targets the car trade. All the cars were more than nine ars old and cost between £215 and £560, the price which many people pay for a car for

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had less tread than the legal limit and the car was sold with tyre pressures on the rear wheels of 35 and six pounds per square inch. The front bumper was also falling off.

"Consumers paying be-tween £200 and £600 are entitled to buy a safe car, "says Steve Butterworth, Devon's director of trading standards.
"Our survey shows that they
are playing Russian roulette
with their lives and other road users if they rely on the MoT certificates as an indication of the safety of the vehicle."

While the Devon findings are quite shocking, Nicholas Scholes, a part-time dealer from Uxbridge, Middlesex. says there are plenty of good buys for people with an eye for a bargain. "Cars are better made these days and go on a lot longer than they ever did." he explains. "For the most part, they are more reliable

looked after.

He adds: "People want to find a car for their son or daughter which is cheap to buy and insure, a factor which is now very important. They might want a second car for their wives, but they don't want to spend more than £1.000, which is the psychological price barrier. If they can find something that is in good shape, has an MoT and is about £500, they are happy."

Butterworth and his team are demanding tougher mea-sures, however, to clamp down on the issue of "dodgy" MoT certificates. They want greater powers to check cars on garage forecourts.

While trading standard officers have extensive powers to check on the descriptions applied to goods and services, they have no power to check on the roadworthiness of vehicles offorecourts," Butterworth says. The consequences are that officers can only respond to problems after the consumer has complained and that may be too late."

he increase in old cars on the roads is also disturbing motoring organisations, environmentalists and motor industry executives who warn that the most elderly 10 per cent of cars on the road cause

half the pollution. The Labour Party is considering adopting an industry proposal to pay motorists to scrap cars over ten years old, following successful trials of the scheme abroad. The French Government offered a 5,000 franc (£660) incentive to motorists to scrap their bangers and put the grant towards a new car; the result was an increase of about 280,000 new models bought under the

scrap-for-cash plan. Introducing such a scheme here would reverse the trend where motorists shy away from new cars because they believe them to be too expensive, while insurance rates have spiralled because of theft and vandalism.



Peter Greene, of the Devon trading standards team, inspects one of the faulty parts

Alan Copps on the mistakes that delayed a written test result for a month

#### New test write-off for Louise

THE INTRODUCTION of the theory driving test on July I has been fraught with difficulty, but few new drivers can have had such a frustrating time as Louise Carmody from Bridgend, Cardiff.

She was one of the first to sit and to pass the new test, yet she has only just received official notification of her pass. which means she can now apply for a full licence, exactly one month after completing the classroom theory test.

Her story is a series of blunders for which the Driving Standards Agency issued an "unreserved apology" this week after being contacted for the second time by Car 96. Louise sat her test at the

DSA's Cardiff theory centre on July 2, having passed her practical test the previous day. When she got into the classroom she noticed that a mistake had been made in her driver number and other details at the head of the paper. She pointed it out, it was amended and, together with other candidates, she complet-



Louise Carmody: sent a new test date instead of a pass

ed the questions and was told to expect a result in about ten days time. A week later friends who sat the test with her had received their results.

She had heard nothing. Her mother, Kath

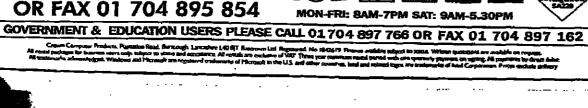
inquiry hotline fearing that the mistaken details might be responsible for the delay. "I was passed from person to person and couldn't get any satisfaction. So in the end 1 wrote to them. But the really Carmody, called the DSA's annoying thing is that they

ters," she says. Finally in a series of telephone calls on July 19, the DSA confirmed both to her and to Car 96 that Louise had passed and said that a letter to that effect would be issued.

Astonishingly what then arrived at Louise's home was a letter dated July 22, confirming another appointment for the test on July 31. "I just couldn't believe it. We'd waited all that time, been told that she'd passed and then they sent a letter setting a new date," said Mrs Carmody.

"Louise had been offered a free motorway driving lessor and was anxious to take advantage of it, but she was told she couldn't do it without a full licence."

After a further exchange of letters. Louise finally got her notification on Thursday. Something has obviously gone horribly wrong here. We'll look into it and in the meantime offer her an unreserved apology," said a DSA:





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